Taking the Plunge

"The highlight of my trip was playing basketball and teaching about God afterward." -Casey Rox

Nebraska Christian students share and show their faith.



Why did you volunteer to dress up like a clown to hand out balloons at the carnival?

"Kristen and I thought it would be fun to dress up for the little kids and make them happy to start out the school year."
-Megan Bordenkircher

One of the many privileges of the Christian life is growing to become more like the Lord. As Christians draw closer to Him, He helps them put themselves aside and focus more and more on others and their need to hear the saving news of the Gospel. "I go on missions trips in order to share my faith and to share the Gospel," said *Karrah Miller*.

For most, venturing out of the safety found at Nebraska Christian was an exhilarating experience. Getting a glimpse into the lives of others less fortunate than themselves gave students insight into their own lives and relationships with Christ. "The kids in Belize had such joy in spite of having dirt floors or just one toy. I learned God needs to be our focus and our joy in spite of our circumstances," said *Kelsie Selden*.

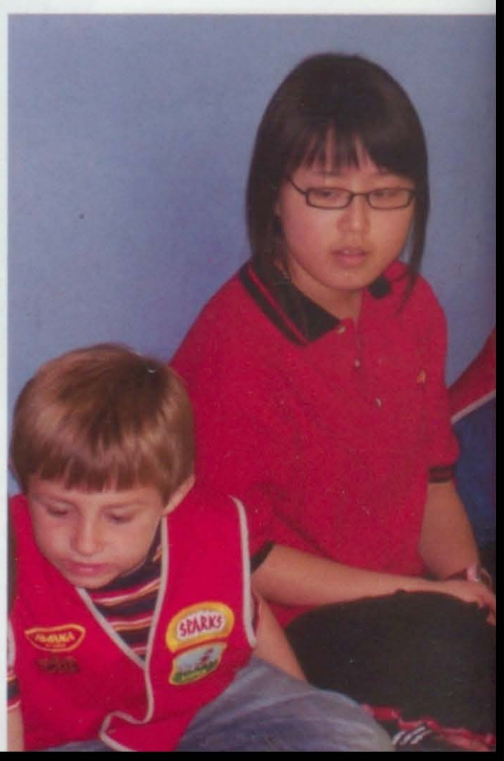
Not all NC students had to fly to far off lands to share their faith. Some found ways to obey the Great Commission right in Nebraska. A trip to Lincoln to hand out Gospel tracts was organized by Mr. Dan Woods. This provided an opportunity close by to share the Good News. "When people would read the tracts, it put a smile on my face because I knew that they were learning things about the Lord," said *Shannon Rodehorst*.

Many students also assisted at AWANA and Truth in Training. "I've grown up in AWANA, so it is just natural for me to help," said *Chrissy Ritta*.

Whether upperclassmen or not, in Central City or far-off jungles, Nebraska Christian students tried to let God use them as lights in a world of darkness.

-Jessica Bailey





Right- As the AWANA kids wait for the next game to begin, their leader *Esther Lee* keeps a close watch on them. Several high school students sacrificed their Wednesday evenings to help with AWANA or other outreach programs for children at local churches.



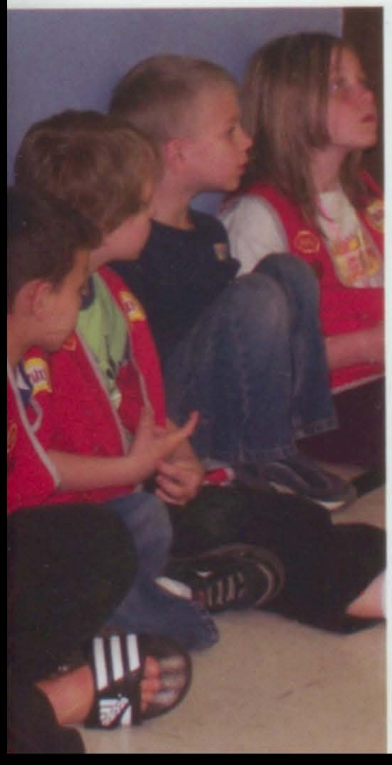
Left- On a missions trip to Europe, ***Adam Richardson*** presents the Gospel through a dramatic skit of the crucifixion and resurrection. Richardson participated in the trip through Reign Ministries.







Top- ***Samuel Stuhmer,*** along with several boys and girls basketball team members, attempts to connect with kids in the Bahamas last summer by way of teaching them basketball skills. Sports tend to be a good way to relate to kids no matter where they are from. Bottom- ***Chrissy Ritta*** cheers for her 3rd and 4th graders as they run down the hall of the Community Bible annex during game time. Each Wednesday, Ritta's Truth in Training group participated in handbook time, counseling time, and game time.



Above- Senior ***Matt Ryan*** offers a man and his daughter heading toward the boys' state basketball game a Gospel tract. Ryan said, "I really enjoyed going to the Bahamas, and I wanted to see if handing out tracts would be similar. It is something I would do again."

Exploring the Possibilities

Students speak out for Christ.

"Even though I joined drama later, it was a good experience because I had never done it before." -David Trinh



What did you most enjoy about speech?

Although most people dread public speaking, a few of the students enjoyed being in the school's one-act drama or expressing their thoughts on various subjects through speeches.

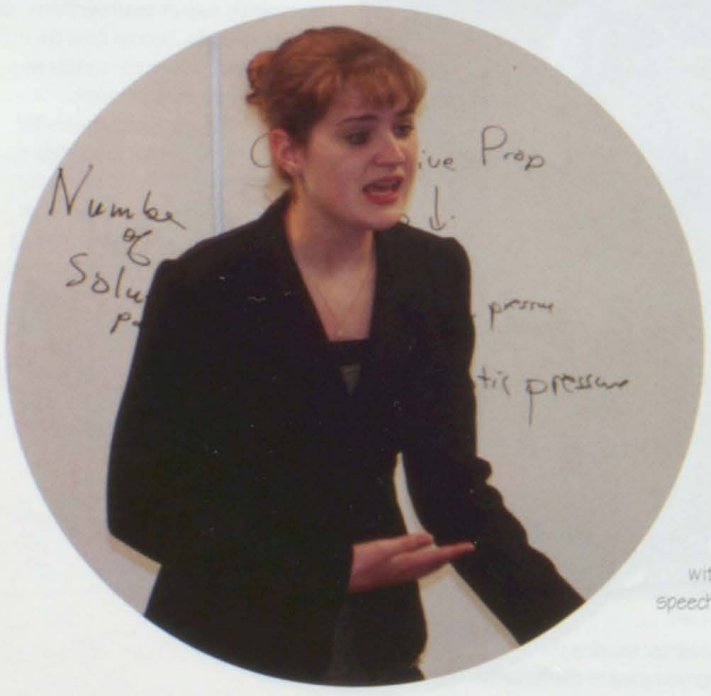
Many people do not like speaking to an audience; drama and speech taught the students that telling others about Christ is the most important thing they will ever do, even if it means talking in front of a crowd. Esther Lee said, "My speech gave people a chance to know what abortion is about. It let people know how horrible abortion is and what Christians need to stand for. I really enjoyed it when people came up to me and told me how they agreed with me."

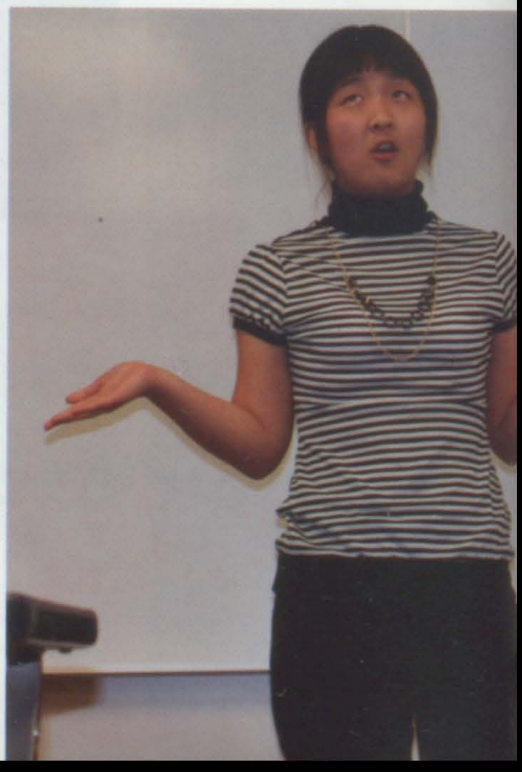
Many of the speeches and plays were to speak out for Christ, and the students always managed to have fun no matter what they were doing. Ashley Faeh said, "Every day was an adventure being able to see people's reactions to our testimony of Christ."

Speaking out for the Lord was a great incentive for the students to face their fears, stand up, and tell others about their Savior. Esther Lee and Rebekah Poeffel had the opportunity to go to state in Serious Prose and to witness to many people.

Drama really showed the school's stand for Christ, and although the play did not make it to state, the students still had the chance to present it to many people at Districts. Alysia Brethouwer said, "Our play actually had a meaning to it; while most other plays were made to be funny, ours gave a message and made people think about what is happening in other countries." -Liz Smith

"I enjoyed being able to witness to people through a story that might touch them in a deep way."
-Rebekah Poeffel





Right- Showing her indifference, Rachel Lee acts out part of "The Good Samaritan Strikes Again." Lee's play was very humorous and was able to capture the audience's attention with the animations she put into the speech. She put her whole heart into her acting and did very well.



Left- Yelling at the desk, *Shannon Rodehorst*, jumps on a "casket" during his duet "The Ordinary." Rodehorst's duet with Stephanie Ritta caused fits of laughter in the audience.







Top- Acting as Chen Shui in the school's one-act drama, "*A Choice of Freedoms*," *Ashley Faeh* listens intently so she can hear her cue to speak. Having the students witness by acting as Chinese people being persecuted in China gave real meaning to the play. The drama class had the opportunity to act in front of the whole school during chapel. The team placed sixth in the Goldenrod Conference and eighth at Districts.
Above- The drama class, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Alysia Brethouwer, Liz Smith, Ashley Faeh, Beth Ignowski Row 2: Caden Huenefeld, Matt Ryan, Kristen Mott, Rachel Lee, Jacky Lung, David Trinh (not pictured: Coach Gwen Prettyman)

Above- The speech team, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Kris Sergent, Shannon Rodehorst Row 2: Kristen Mott, Amanda Liegl, Mary Yun, Rachel Lee Row 3: Coach's Aide Ruth Ferris, Esther Lee, Stephanie Ritta, Rebekah Poeffel, Head Coach Becky Ritta

Making a Joyful Noise

"My favorite thing about choir is the fine arts credits - I get to graduate!" -Truman Faeh



Students praise the Lord through song.

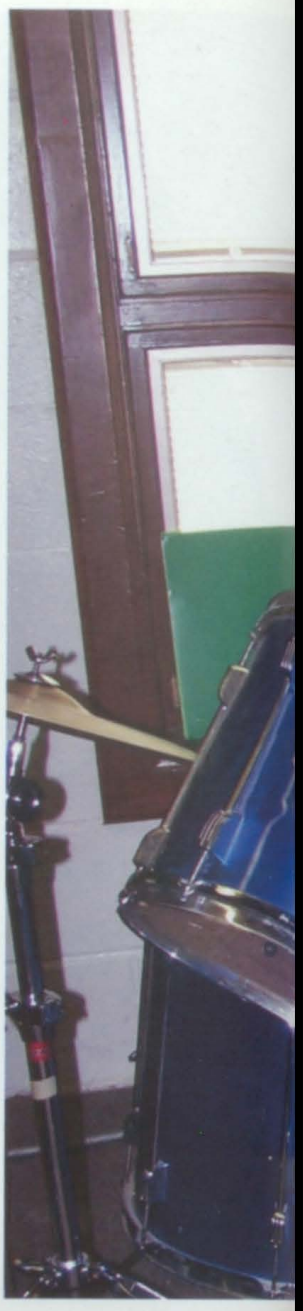
What is the main difference between playing in band at N.C. and playing in band in Korea?

"In Korea, I practiced a lot, but I didn't get a lot of chances to play. Here I get to bring joy through pep band and choir tour."

-Esther Lee

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy" Psalm 33: 1-3. For many years, music has had a special place at Nebraska Christian. It was an area of excellence, where students of the years before and students of the current year carefully crafted their abilities. The reason for this dedication? The students of NC did not just sing or play for the sake of singing and playing. They had a purpose-to praise the Lord through song. "It helps me to be more disciplined knowing that there's a purpose for why we're learning the songs," said **Audra Faeh**. The students also worshiped God through their attitude of hard work. The absence of last year's seniors, who made up a majority of the music classes, greatly reduced the sizes of band and choir. The remaining pupils focused on their goal to continue the tradition of excellence. "We're trying to be as good as we were last year, but it's tough," said **Kiel Hansen**. Choir and band gave Nebraska Christian students both a chance to worship the Lord and time to interact. Choir tour was one enjoyable way to get to know other students and to have a good time. "Choir tour is great because they always have really good food!" said **Chrissy Ritta**.

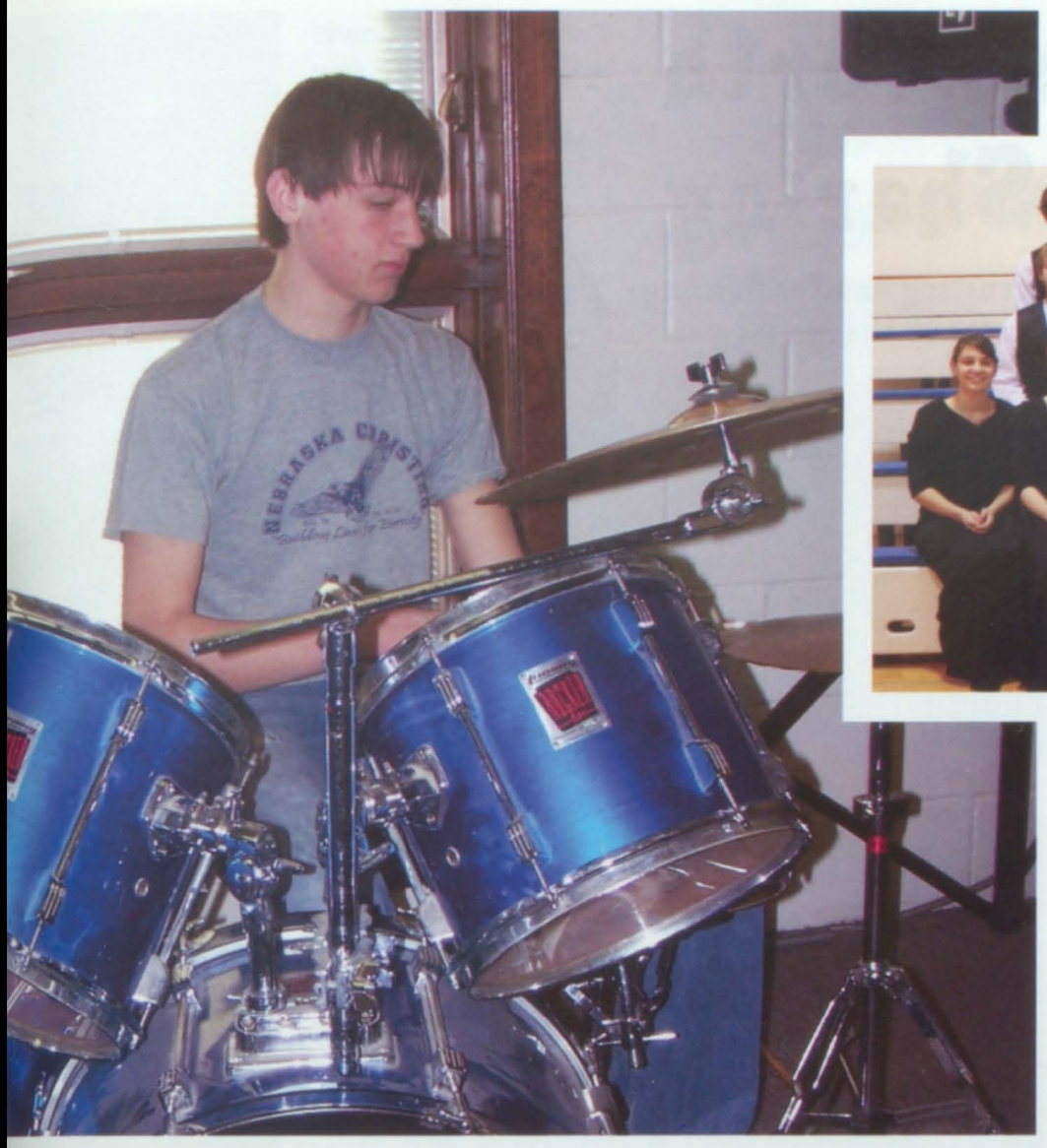
-Jessica Bailey







Above- The band, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Abbie Krug, Mary Yun, June Kim, Yeni Kim, Rebekah Poeffel, Alice Kim, Rachel Lee Row 2: Chrissy Ritta, Janae Landrigan, Sable Homolka, Mindy Kim, Stephanie Ritta, Esther Lee, Brittney Shepherd Row 3: Drew Hanke, James Davis, Nathan Ritta, Scott Ritta, Ray Johnson, Casey Rose, Kiel Hansen Row 4: Kelsey Shepherd, Matt Ryan, Caleb Coleman, Eric Patten, Bobby Shin, Caleb Urban (not pictured: Audra Faeh, Luke Faeh)



Left- **Eric Patten** practices the drums as he listens carefully to his fellow musicians' tunes. His attentiveness was imporant because the drums set the rhythm for the music.







Top- The Master's Musicians, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Kristen Mott, Ashley Faeh, Rose Fansler, Beth Ignowski, Stacey Krieger Row 2: Matt Ryan, Truman Faeh, Samuel Stuhmer Row 3: Drew Hanke, Luke Faeh, Kirk Rose

Bottom- As an eighth grader, **Scott Ritta** tries to focus on what notes to play. Ritta enjoyed playing in participating in pep band along with the high school students.

Above- The choir, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Stacey Krieger, Katie Beck, Brittney Shepherd, Ashley Faeh, Kelsey Shepherd, Lacy Torniges, Chrissy Ritta, Rebecca Woods, Abbie Krug, Jamie Li Row 2: Beth Ignowski, Lyndsi Kembel, Amber Rainbolt, Kristen Mott, Megan Bordenkircher, Danielle Richards, Sarah Perez, Kelsie Selden, Rachel Lee Row 3: Stephanie Ritta, Rose Fansler, Rebekah Poeffel, Esther Lee, Mary Yun, Janae Landrigan, Karrah Miller, Shan Yu, Arisa Chon, June Kim Row 4: Shannon Rodehorst, Casey Rose, Caleb Urban, Ram Lee, Alex Newby, Alex McCoy Row 5: David Kim, Bobby Shin, Matt Ryan, Truman Faeh, Samuel Stuhmer, Elliot Murphy, David Trinh Row 6: Wai Wong, Jon Ritta, Drew Hanke, Kirk Rose, Mike Swanson, Andrew McHargue (not pictured: Audra Faeh, Luke Faeh)

Memories Worth Sharing

"Putting all the year's memories together and seeing the outcome is the best part of being in yearbook." -Amanda Liegl

Yearbooks used for recruiting and for housing memories of the school year.



What do you like about being part of the yearbook staff?

"It's cool to document our year and have people from all over the world see it."
-Emily Murphy

"Mrs. Moody's massages help when you're stressed."
-Elizabeth Griess

Unlike many high school yearbooks, Nebraska Christian's yearbooks were used for more than just a holding place of memories from the school year. The NC yearbooks went around the world with representatives from the school to show foreign students what NC is all about. International Program Director **Larry Hoff** said, "Kids love to look at yearbooks. They give them a sense of what goes on here. Potential students want to know what the school offers."

What was it in the *Reflector* that drew students to Nebraska Christian Schools? Senior **Ho Wai Ng** said, "All the pictures of students laughing and smiling make students want to come to NC. Also, the pages about trips that students take make the school look cool." The yearbook not only drew more students from around the world, it also held important memories for all of NC's students.

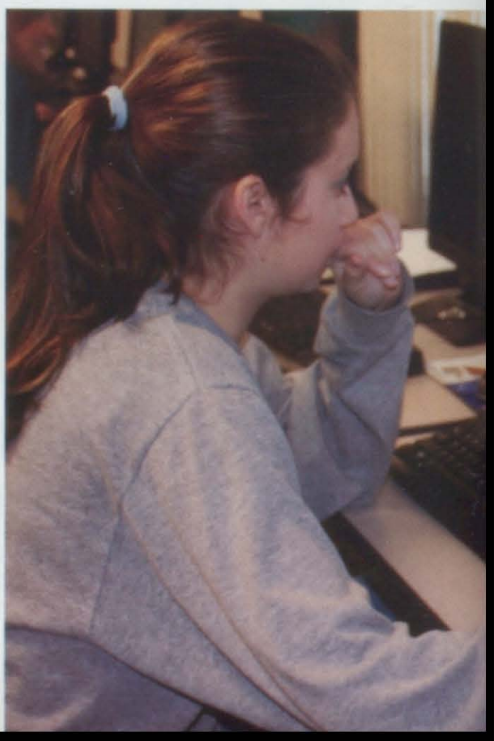
Why did the NC students enjoy the yearbook? Senior **Kristen Mott** said, "When you get the yearbook, it gives you the chance to remember forgotten memories and to compare where people are to where they were last year." Sophomore **Kiel Hansen** said, "I like getting the yearbook because it reminds me of all the fun I had during the year, and as I get older it becomes a keepsake because it reminds me of all the people I went to school with."

Whether it was bringing in new students or holding memories, the NC yearbook travelled around the world carrying it's memories everywhere it went.

-Liz Smith



Right- Trying to figure out just how to fit the picture into the box, **Jessica Bailey** plays with the computer to get the picture at just the right size. This being her first time on the yearbook staff, she was excited to learn that she was made the business manager. She proved to be a very diligent worker and enjoyed handling the money.





Left- The members of the yearbook class wade gingerly through the Platte River. When deciding where to take the class photo, class members wanted somewhere that had water to tie into their theme. The shallow Platte River seemed like the perfect place, even though it was ice cold. Mrs. Sandi Griepenstroh had to take off her shoes and socks and stand in the icy water to get the perfect shot.



Above- The yearbook staff, left to right, front to back: Row 1: Cheri Garwood, Amanda Liegl, Jessica Bailey Row 2: Jennifer Smith, Elizabeth Griess, Emily Murphy, Cody Lobeda, Liz Smith (not pictured: Caden Huenefeld)



Name Your Favorite Items:

Song: _____

Book: _____

T.V. Show: _____

Car: _____

Clothes: _____

Shoes: _____

Accessories: _____

Hair Style: _____

Expressions: _____

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Hangout: _____

Restaurant: _____

Food: _____

Video/Computer Game: _____

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My Best Friend is: _____

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Favorite Bible Verse: _____

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The Ebb and Flow of Victory

As if the life of a high school student wasn't hectic enough, the school schedule was packed with sports activities. The result was that the students, athletes, and their fans remained in perpetual motion throughout the year. For the NC Eagles, the ebb and flow of victory proved the truth of the saying, "You win some, you lose some." Attitude was everything for the athletes. Winning was one goal of the coaches, but helping their players develop a Godly attitude was more important, especially when they weren't winning. *Jon Ritta (1)* said, "Winning is great, but defeat builds character."



Working their hardest, especially when they were not seeing the the fruits of their labor, was difficult, but athletes at NC showed their determination and optimism time and again. *Audra Faeh (2)* said, "In volleyball, it was kind of a disappointing year, but next year will be much better."



Effort was another word commonly heard throughout the year. Whether in practice or in competition, students were required to give 100 percent. The result was a steady stream of improvement, both personally and as a team. *Lacy Tonniges (3)* said, "In order to be successful, you have to push yourself hard and be motivated."



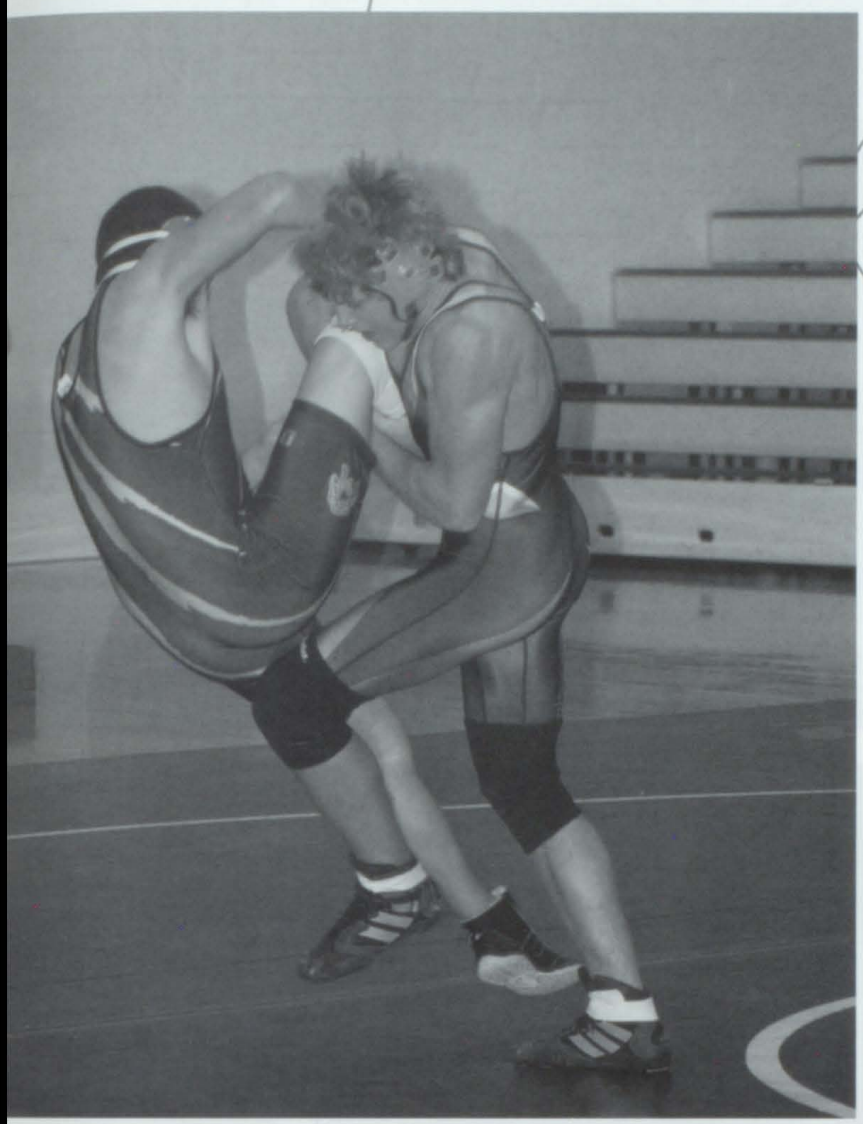
Despite physical demands and busy schedules, students still pursued their talents in the athletic world because the love of the game, the desire to reach their highest potential, or the chance to keep in shape kept them coming back for more. *Drew Hanke (4)* said, "Without sports, I'd probably just sit at home, eat ice cream, drink Mountain Dew, and get fat."



Whatever their reasons were, NC athletes competed and experienced the ebb and flow of victory with grace.

-Emily Murphy

Below- ***Jerry Lobeda*** works for a single leg against his adversary from Greeley-Wolbach/Cedar Rapids at the conference tournament held at NC. Lobeda went on to pin his opponent in the second period.



Below- With the defense closing in, ***Samuel Hwang*** dribbles hard to get away. Hwang was an enormous asset to the team, especially when it came to shooting three-pointers. Hwang made over 50 three-point shots during the season.





Left- ***Chrissy Ritta*** makes a pass over her defender in the few remaining seconds of the quarter. Determination and strong work ethic characterized Ritta's performance on and off of the court.


Kristen Mott

Developing Teamwork

The Eagles hit the floor with confidence.

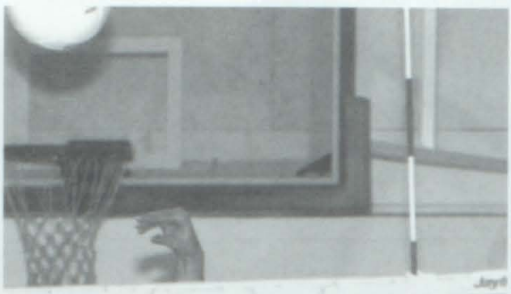
After losing both their coaches and many of the senior talent, the team was wondering just what the season would bring. They struggled with developing unity at the beginning of the season, but ultimately, they learned to work together for the good of the entire team.

What did the girls enjoy about volleyball? Returning senior ***Alli Griess*** said, "Our team got along really great, and even though we didn't always do the greatest, the games we won were totally awesome." "When we had fun, we dominated the court and showed just what we were made of!" said ***Ashley Faeh***.

Kristen Mott said, "It was great being on a team with all of us striving for the same goal."

All the girls worked hard to make the team unified and it paid off in the long run. Even though the girls did not win many games, the season was still a success because they all learned many valuable lessons.

-Liz Smith





Right- Swinging hard, ***Emily Murphy*** slams the ball down on the opposing side of the court. Murphy played hard and with great determination. Her skills were very much appreciated, and many times she helped the team out of tough situations.



"I dig volleyball, literally!"
-Shelby Elge





Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Assistant Coach Jamie Senkbile, student manager Shelisa Boutin, Rebekah Poeffel, Amanda Liegl, Alli Griess, Stacey Krieger, Kristen Mott, student manager Joanna Stuhmer Row 2: Head Coach Jewel Faeh, Jennifer Smith, Taylor Sherwood, Katie Beck, Sarah Perez, Audra Faeh, Amber Rainbolt, Abbie Krug Row 3: Brittney Shepherd, Beth Ignowski, Kelsie Selden, Karrah Miller, Ashley Faeh, Elizabeth Griess, Shelby Elge, Liz Smith, Danielle Richards Row 4: Esther Lee, June Kim, Rebecca Woods, Lauren Hadenfeldt, Kelsey Shepherd, Michelle Clement, Lacy Tonniges, Emily Murphy (not pictured: Mary Yun, Mo Ah Son, student manager Jessica Davis)



"Sometimes volleyball was challenging, but we made it through."
-Karrah Miller



Left- ***Ashley Faeh*** passes the ball while ***Lacy Tonniges*** and ***Elizabeth Griess*** cover for her. Faeh's cheery attitude kept the team's spirits up even when they were losing.

Scorebox:

Opponent:	Result:
St. Edward	W
Palmer	L
Nebraska Lutheran	W
High Plains	L
North Loup-Scotia	L
Cross County	L
Osceola	L
Elba	L
Heartland Lutheran	L
Fullerton	L
Spalding/SPA	L
Newman Grove	L
St. Edward	W
Spalding/SPA	L
Greeley/Wolbach	L
Arcadia	L
Cedar Rapids	L
Nebraska Lutheran	W
Palmer	L
Junior Varsity:	1-10

Head Coach: Jewel Faeh
Assistant Coach: Jamie Senkbile

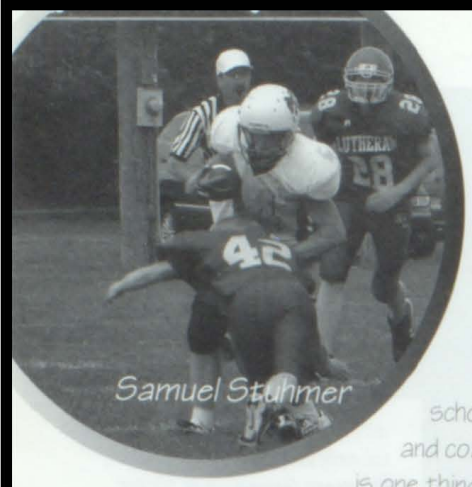






Above- The Lady Eagles encourage and uplift each other. "Pump it up" was a pre-game tradition, and it helped the team think about the game ahead.
Left- Getting low, ***Lacy Tonniges*** bumps the ball as ***Karrah Miller*** calls the line. Tonniges played very aggressively and was a great asset to the team.

Left- Reaching high, ***Alli Griess*** blocks the ball, pounding it back down onto the competing team's court. Frequently, Griess' excellent blocking skills helped the team get the momentum back on their side.



Samuel Stuhmer

Loving the Game

Players return year after year.

Change is inevitable in high school sports. Seniors graduate, and coaches come and go. But there is one thing that remains–a love for the game. That love is what keeps players coming back year after year. After losing seven seniors from last season, the leadership switched to this year's upperclassmen. Everyone was anxious about the inexperienced team, but a love for the game kept them going all season.

So, why did guys go out for football? "I like to hit people," said ***Jon Ritta***. Fellow junior ***Mike Swanson*** said, "Football brings guys together to act as one body to accomplish a common goal. It is one of the few places in life where that happens."

When the end of the season came and the final analysis was in, ***Samuel Stuhmer*** summed up the season with, "Football is a fun sport, but it was my teammates that made it so enjoyable. I kept coming back and playing every year not only because of the love I had for the game, but also to have a good time with my teammates."

-Cody Lobeda





Right- ***Kirk Rose*** runs down the field after catching a pass from quarterback Jerry Lobeda. Rose was new to the team this year after transferring from Ainsworth at semester of the '05-'06 school year.

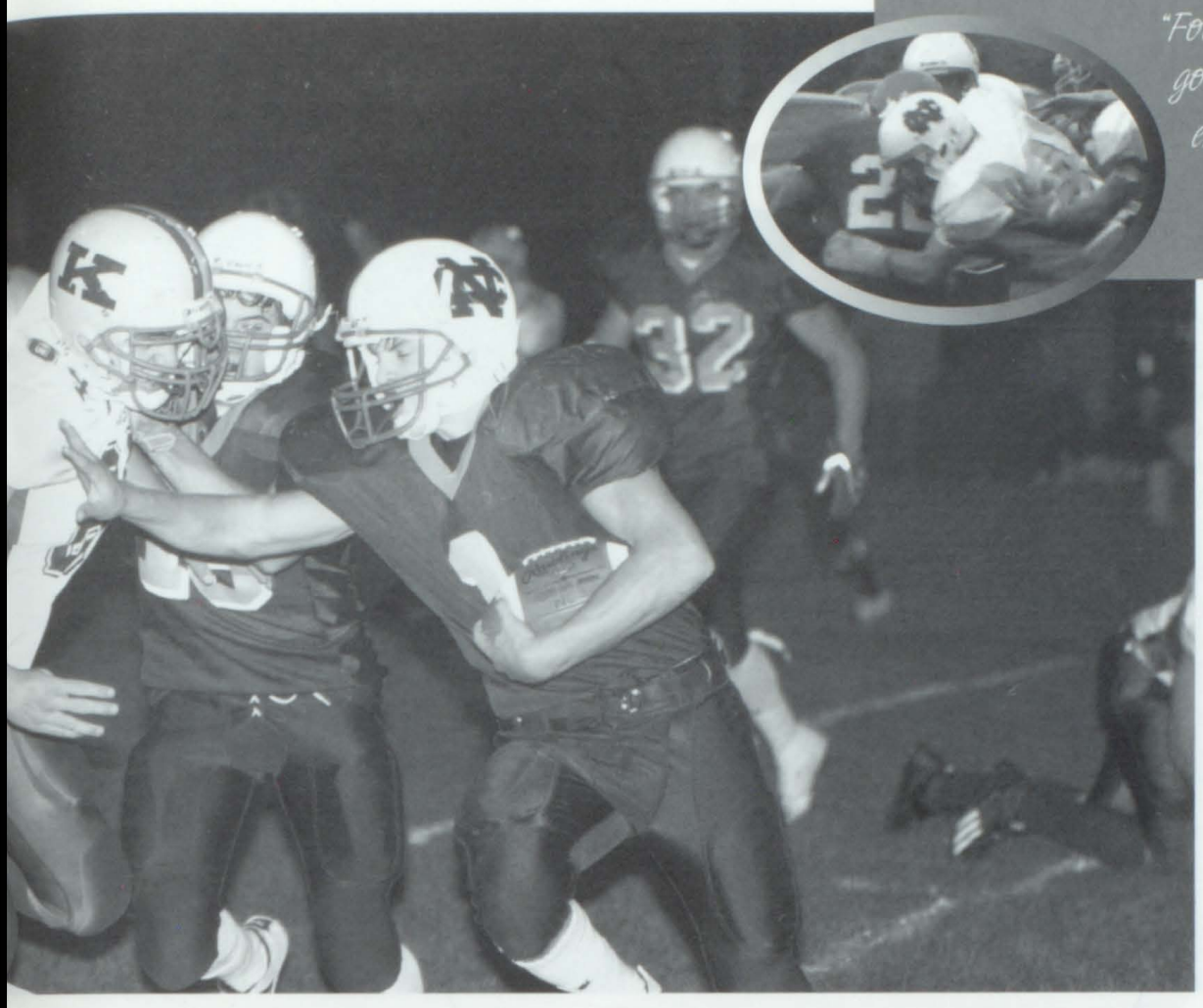
"I went out for edification and life experience."
-Truman Faeh







Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Jon Ritta, Luke Faeh, Samuel Stuhmer, Micah Unruh, Truman Faeh, Kirk Rose, Cody Lobeda Row 2: Caleb Coleman, Elliot Murphy, Braden Swanson, Wes Kembel, Jerry Lobeda, Mike Swanson Row 3: Ho Wai Ng, Alex Newby, Jesse Gilmore, Ben Thiessen, Eric Patten, Levi Dixon, Casey Rose Row 4: Coach's Aide Ryan Franci, Adam Richardson, Daniel Hoops, Caleb Urban, Ray Johnson, Darren Holzinger Row 5: Coach Clint Cunningham, student manager Anthony Faeh, student manager Braden Moody



"Football is the only good thing about the end of summer."

-Luke Faeh

Left- Quarterback ***Jerry Lobeda*** stiff-arms the opponent from Kenesaw, while ***Cody Lobeda*** blocks for him. After a very tight game, Kenesaw came out on top.

Scorebox:

Opponent:	Result:
Nebraska Lutheran	W
Deshler	W
High Plains	L
Wilcox-Hildreth	W
Silver Lake	W
Palmer	L
Kenesaw	L
Axtell	L
Clarkson	L
Junior Varsity:	0-3

Head Coach: Clint Cunningham
Coach's Aide: Ryan Franci
1st Team: Mike Swanson, Jon Ritta, Jerry Lobeda
2nd Team: Samuel Stuhmer, Mike Swanson, Luke Faeh
Honorable Mention: Cody Lobeda

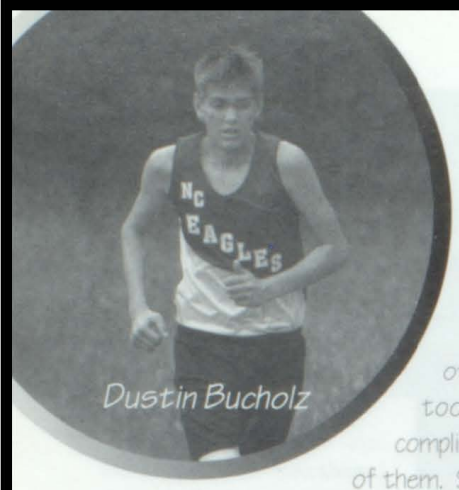






Above- Linebacker ***Mike Swanson*** tackles the Nebraska Lutheran running back. "I just went out," Swanson said, "to make Jerry look good."
Left- Finding a convenient hole, ***Cody Lobeda*** takes the ball up the field. Lobeda played both sides of the ball putting time in as a linebacker, a running back, and a flanker.

Left- After a year off, senior ***Micah Unruh*** rejoined the Eagle football team. His season was cut short by a career-ending shoulder injury during the game with Deshler. "It took two doctors and my dad to put my shoulder back in place. It was instant relief when they finally got around to putting it back in after all the paperwork was filled out," Unruh said.


Dustin Bucholz

Building Endurance

Participants run for their own reasons.

A test of endurance, a trial of will, and a three mile race. It took a lot for students to accomplish what cross country required of them. Some of the NC cross country team members didn't possess a love of running, but they knew the sport would get them in shape and build their endurance. ***Dustin Bucholz*** said, "I went out for cross country to get in shape for basketball." ***Drew Hanke*** had the same thoughts, "It helps me excel in my other sports."

With such a small team, it was easy for students to get to know each other. Between miles of running together and long drives to meets, friendships were born and strengthened throughout the season. Coaches Barb and Larry Hoff were impressed with the effort they saw in the athletes. Dedication is a huge part of the sport, and it was demonstrated throughout the season, along with an amazing amount of endurance. Being the best at a sport doesn't always matter, but trying one's best does, and these students proved that to the extreme. *-Emily Murphy*



Right- Battling against fatigue, ***Chrissy Ritta*** pushes towards the finish line. Ritta was a great team leader and helped encourage her teammates to run with endurance.



"I went out for fun and to get in shape for wrestling."
-Caden Huenefeld



Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Head Coach Barb Hoff, Janae Landrigan, Brittany Epp, Chrissy Ritta Row 2: Caden Huenefeld, Drew Hanke, Dustin Bucholz, Coach's Aide Larry Hoff (not pictured: Rebecca Woods, student manager Shannon Rodehorst)







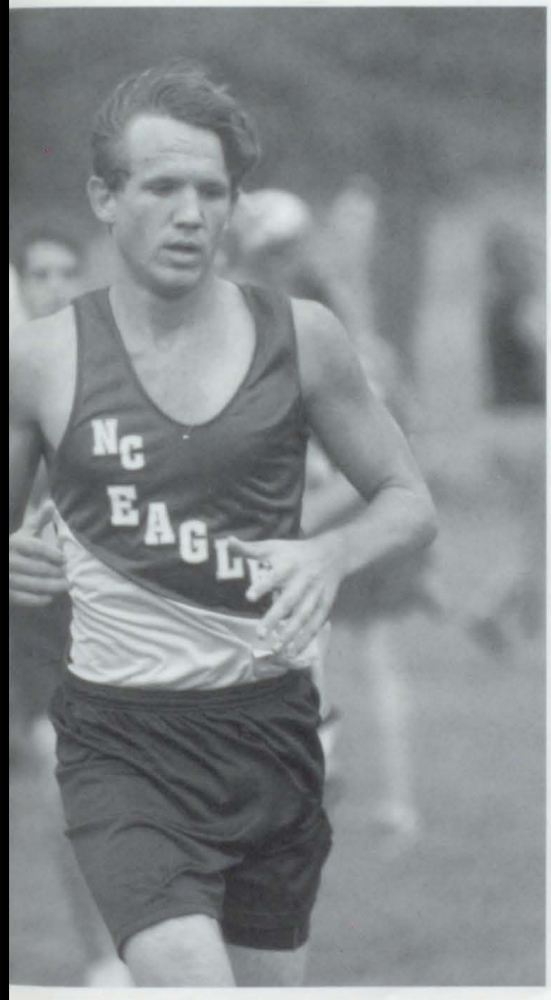
"I usually think about random things when I run, or just passing the girl in front of me." -Rebecca Woods

Left- With fierce determination, ***Brittany Epp*** pushes herself hard to finish the race. Epp said, "I love cross country because you always get to run a race; you never have to sit on the bench."

Meets:

Boone Central
Centura
Central City
Boone Central
Hastings St. Cecilia
District Meet at David City
David City Aquinas

Head Coach: Blare Hoff
Coach's Aide: Larry Hoff
The girls team finished fourth at the Centura Invitational with ***Chrissy Ritta*** as the top NC finisher. The team also finished third at the Hastings St. Cecelia invitational with ***Rebecca Woods***, ***Brittany Epp***, and ***Chrissy Ritta*** all finishing in the top 15 to earn individual medals.
Boys Cross Country didn't have the four runners necessary for a team score.







Above- READY-GO! Varsity boys ***Caden Huenefeld***, ***Drew Hanke*** and ***Dustin Bucholz*** sprint off the starting line to gain an early lead. Getting momentum early on was a common strategy among runners.

Left- ***Janae Landrigan*** keeps her eye on the prize as she works her way to the end of the race. Landrigan was new to the sport but worked hard to compete with cross country veterans.

Left- ***Drew Hanke*** keeps a good pace as he works his way through the course. After being bribed into the sport by his mom during his junior year, he decided it was worth his time, and he willingly joined the team in 2006. Hanke had a successfull year, consistently finishing in the top 25.



Janae Landrigan

Reaching the Goal

Players keep their minds set on the prize.

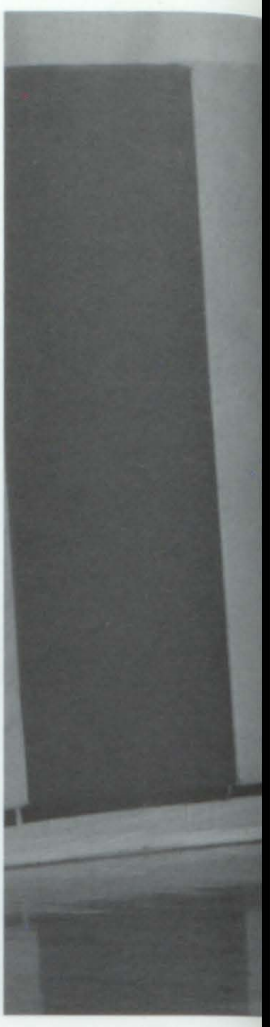
Always thinking positively became the mindset as the season began. With new players being introduced to the sport, everyone worked through the hardships they faced to finish the season well.

Janae Landrigan said, "Using a focal point reminded me to represent Christ by having a good attitude when I played." No matter what the scoreboard displayed, each player focused on playing for the glory of God, which was represented by tape crosses on their shoes. "This season taught me not to get discouraged when we lost," said *Rebecca Woods*. Losing was a learning experience for the players and taught them to always have a positive attitude. *Rose Fansler* said," Wow! What an exhilarating experience! Basketball taught me to push myself in new and exciting ways!" Each player worked hard in practice to improve her skills as much as possible. As the practices and games ended, the team became closer, not only as friends but also in their relationship with Christ.

-Jennifer Smith



Right- While breaking the press, *Chrissy Ritta* drives down the court to set up the offense. After practicing, the team was able to break the press set by any opponent by the end of the season.



"God taught me how to persevere through a losing season."
-Cheri Garwood

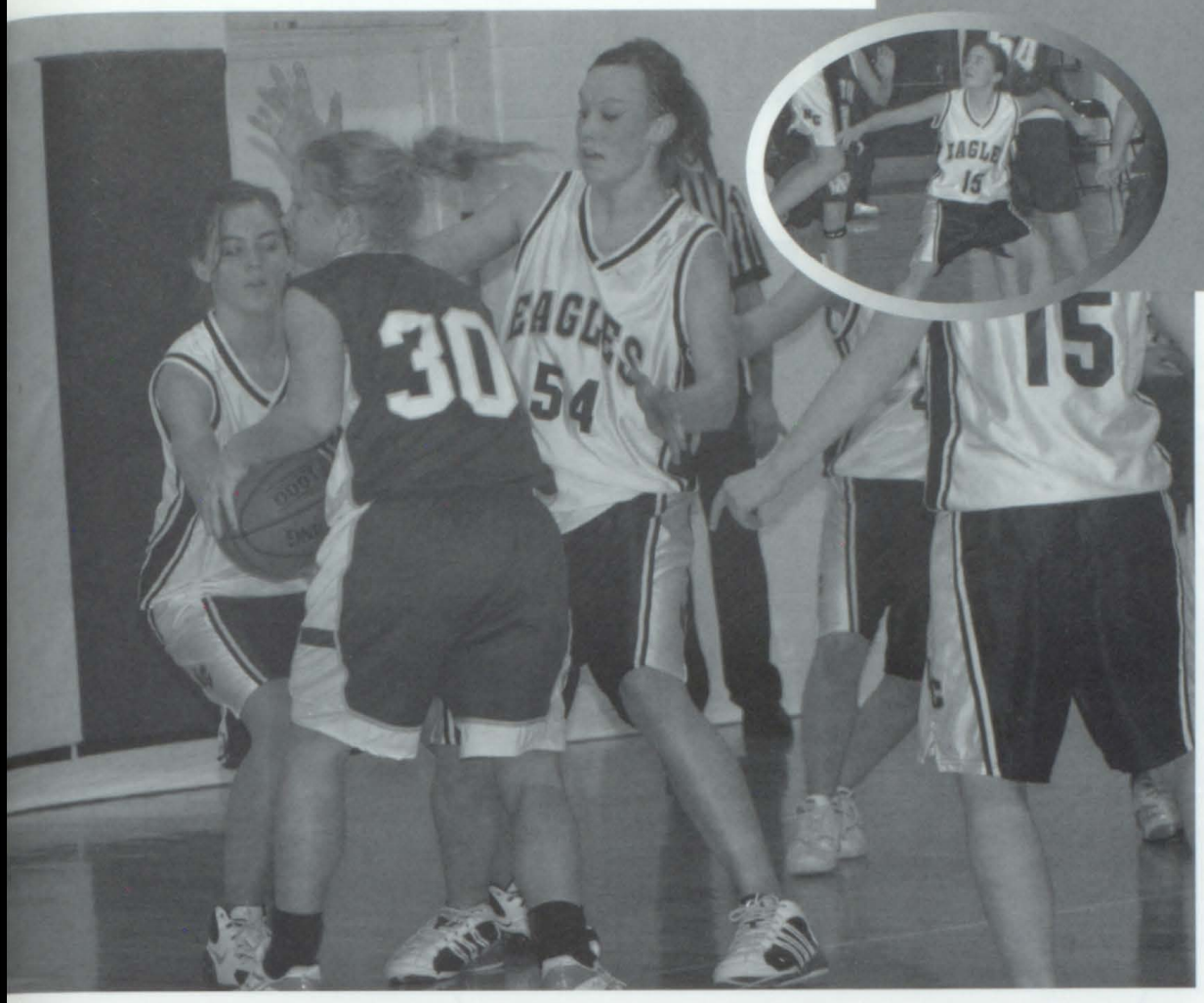




Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Elizabeth Griess, Emily Murphy, Cheri Garwood, Janae Landrigan, Jennifer Smith, student manager Lyndsi Kembel, student manager Stacey Krieger Row 2: Lacy Tonniges, Chrissy Ritta, Rebecca Woods, Jamie Li, Hailey Kim Row 3: Jessica Bailey, Abbie Krug, Amber Rainbolt, Kelsey Shepherd Row 4: Coach Gordon Thiessen, Coach's Aide Frank Rodriguez (not pictured: Rose Fansler)



"Playing with our team was a new experience."
-Chrissy Ritta



Left- ***Emily Murphy*** fights the opposing team for their ball as ***Elizabeth Griess*** stands strong in her defensive position. Practicing tough defense every day taught team members to play hard and never let the ball past the three point line.

Scorebox

Opponent:	Result:
Palmer	L
St. Edward	L
Elba	L
Heartland Lutheran	L
High Plains	L
Giltner	L
Osceola	L
St. Edward	L
North Loup-Scotia	L
Fullerton	L
Osceola	L
Spalding/SPA	L
Elba	L
Cross County	L
Cedar Rapids	L
Greeley/Wolbach	L
Nebraska Lutheran	L
Shelby	L
Palmer	L
Junior Varsity	0-10

Coach: Gordon Thiessen
Coach's Aide: Frank Rodriguez
All Conference Third Team: Elizabeth Griess
All Conference Honorable Mention: Emily Murphy

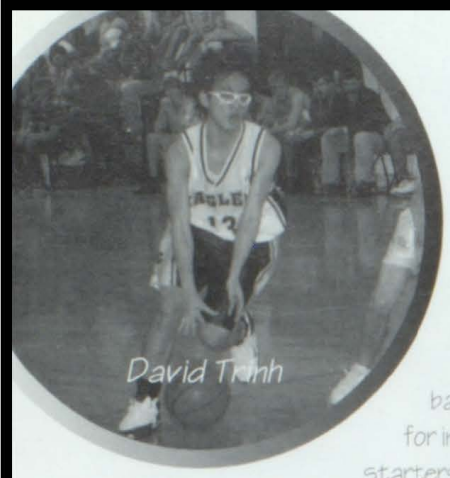






Above- During a home game against Nebraska Lutheran, ***Lacy Tonniges*** sets a screen on the defensive player. ***Chrissy Ritta*** blew past the screen and was able to drive toward the hoop for a shot.
Left- ***Emily Murphy*** dribbles her way to the basket with the defense close behind. Shaking off the pressure, Murphy put points on the board with an easy lay-up.

Left- ***Rebecca Woods*** waits for the offense to run the play while she looks for a pass to a fellow teammate as the defense forces her to the outside. Woods was a major asset to the team, but she suffered a minor injury toward the end of the season and was unable to finish the season.



David Trinh

Making the Shot

Players unify for one common goal.

The '06-'07 boys basketball season was definitely a year for improvement with four returning starters and a good bench backing them up. The team, along with their new coaches Ryan Francl and Clint Cunningham, were more than ready to hit the courts. The weeks spent practicing helped them develop many skills for both on the court and off. The boys were willing to learn and work together to be a team of success and, more importantly, of character. Throughout the season, the boys set an example of excellence with their good attitude on and off the court and their all-out effort. Despite the ups and downs, many players could be seen leaving the court with smiles on their faces. ***Wes Kembel*** said, "Basketball was fun, even though we didn't win very many games." ***David Trinh*** summed up thoughts on the season when he said, "Basketball was fun and exciting. I feel like I learned a lot!"

-Emily Murphy





Right- Driving toward the hoop, ***Samuel Hwang*** hopes for an easy lay-up. Hwang spent much of his spare time after school shooting three-pointers and amazed spectators and opponents with his ability to make them during games.

"Basketball is a great sport, especially when you're 6'5"."
-Ben Thiessen







Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Student mangager Beau Andrews, Fred Lee, Joseph Kim, Paul Ryu, Casey Rose, Samuel Stuhmer, Samuel Hwang, David Trinh, student manager Joanna Stuhmer Row 2: Young-tae Kim, Jacky Lung, Daniel Jang, Adam Richardson, Matt Ryan, Ho Wai Ng, Wes Kembel, Shannon Rodehorst, Coach's Aide Clint Cunningham Row 3: Coach Ryan Francl, Bobby Shin, Dustin Bucholz, Luke Faeh, Ben Thiessen, Tyler Nunnenkamp, Wai Wong, Drew Hanke

"Let it rain!"
-Drew Hanke



Left- Weaving his way through the Fullerton defense, ***Samuel Stuhmer*** looks for a short jump shot. With much experience, Stuhmer's abilities proved vital more than once, pulling the team through many tough situations.

Scorebox:

Opponent:	Result:
St. Edward	L
Elba	W
Heartland Lutheran	L
High Plains	L
Giltner	W
Osceola	L
Lindsay Holy Family	L
North Loup-Scotia	W
Fullerton	L
Osceola	L
Spalding/SPA	L
Elba	W
Palmer	L
Cross County	L
Cedar Rapids	L
Greeley-Wolbach	W
Nebraska Lutheran	W
Palmer	L
Shelby	L
Nebraska Lutheran	W
Osceola	L
Junior Varsity	3-11

Head Coach: Ryan Friand
Coach's Aide: Clint Cunningham
All Conference Second Team: Samuel Hwang
All Conference Honorable Mention: Samuel Stuhmer

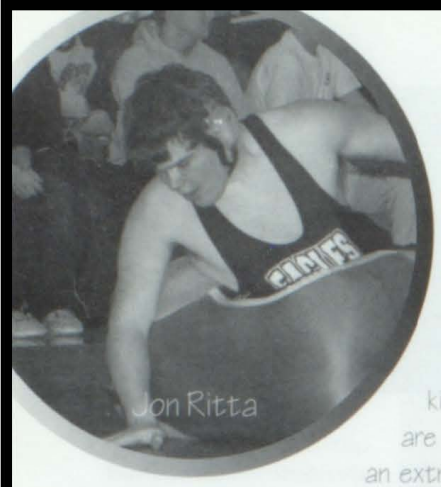






Above- Rushing down the court, ***Wes Kembel*** sets up the play. As a big contributor to the junior varsity, Kembel earned some playing time in a few varsity games during the season.
Left- ***Luke Faeh*** successfully rips down the rebound after defeating his Fullerton opponent in a joust for the ball. Faeh's rebounding was a great asset to the team throughout the season.

Left- ***Tyler Nunnenkamp*** struggles to post up a member of the Spalding/SPA Knight's team for an easy shot under the basket. With varsity playing time this year, Nunnenkamp quickly gained experience and improved immensely, helping out the team on many occasions.



Jon Ritta

Making Weight

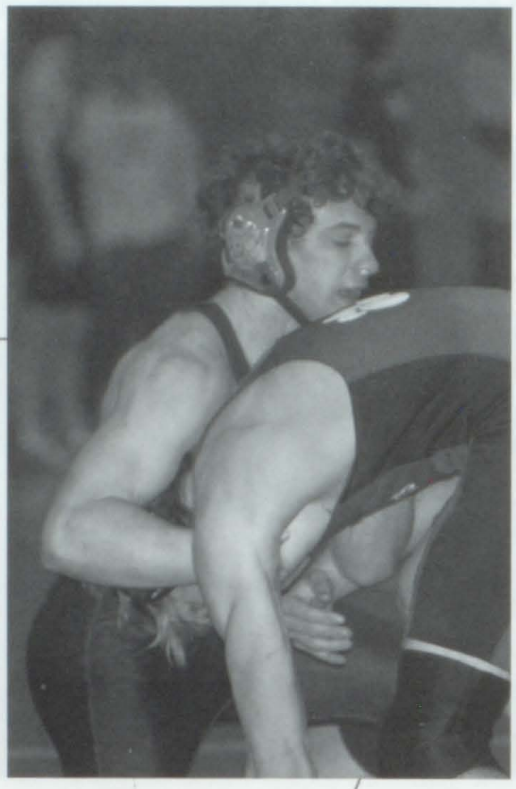
Players wrestle strong on full stomachs.

Wrestling takes a special kind of participant. Guys who are willing to diet and work out to an extreme in order to be the best, dominate the sport. In the past, wrestlers at NC have generally spent much of their time cutting weight, but this year's members of the team decided to eat normally and wrestle strong at higher weights. *Mike Swanson* said, "I stay awake during practice, and I don't yell at people as much."

Jon Ritta has not had to diet for wrestling since his freshman year. He said, "Not having to diet has given me more energy and helped me to compete better."

To many, it seemed like the year went much faster without having to diet. *Caden Huenefeld* said, "The ability to eat food during the week makes practice go by much faster." Even though the NC wrestlers didn't diet as much this season, they were still highly competitive; it was not uncommon to have an NC wrestler winning a meet. Surprisingly, full stomachs often led to victory.

-*Cody Lobeda* and *Caden Huenefeld*



Right- *Cody Lobeda* catches his opponent's head and then goes for a head chancery late in the third period to get takedown points. With a win in this match, Lobeda went into the medal rounds at Harvard.



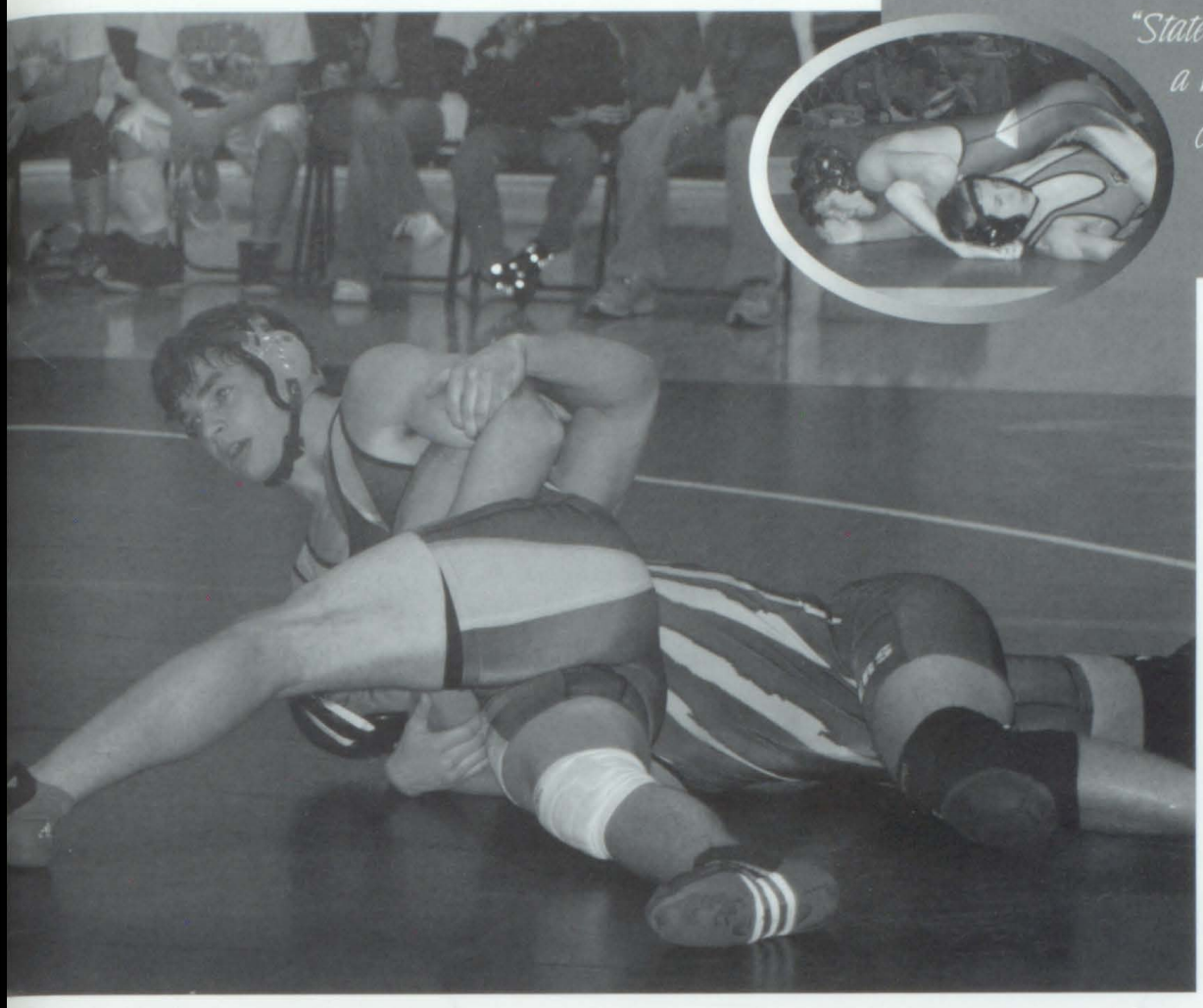
"No pain, no gain!"
-Ram Lee





Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Jon Ritta, Mike Swanson, Caden Huenefeld, Cody Lobeda Row 2: Ram Lee, Caleb Coleman, Braden Swanson, Jerry Lobeda, student manager Shelby Elge Row 3: Coach Terry Elge, Thayer Dungan, Ray Johnson, student manager Brittney Shepherd Row 4:, Alex Newby, Levi Dixon, Coach's Aide Bill Griepenstroh (not pictured: Coach's Aides Scott Griepenstroh and D. M. Forker)





"State was fun, hard, and a whole new level of competition."

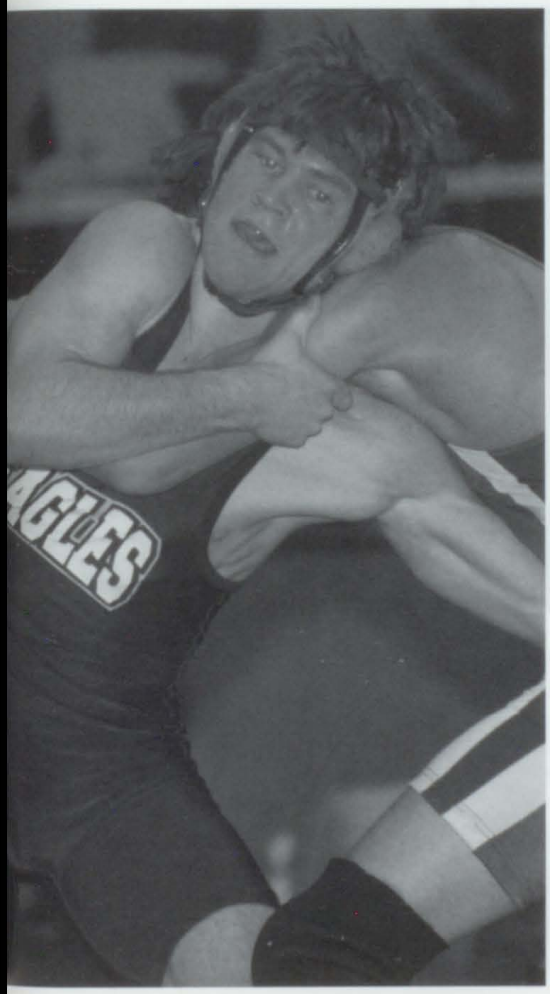
-Braden Swanson

Left- At the Conference meet at NC, ***Mike Swanson*** pins his opponent from Greeley/Wolbach, Kallen Ryan, who was rated third in the state at the time and was a true test of Swanson's ability. After the match, Swanson said, "That's the type of guy I'll face at state in order to make it to the finals."

Record Box

Wt.	Name	Record
103	Alex Newby	4-21
119	Braden Swanson	15-20
130	Ram Lee	1-10
140	Caden Huenefeld	29-9
152	Jerry Lobeda	20-13
160	Cody Lobeda	19-18
160	Ray Johnson	2-13
171	Levi Dixon	8-16
171	Caleb Coleman (JV)	2-4
189	Mike Swanson	27-8
215	Jon Ritta	20-15
285	Kris Sergent	3-23
285	Alex McCoy (JV)	4-0

Head Coach: Terry Elge
Coach's Aides: Scott Grieperstroh, D.M. Forker, and Bill Grieperstroh







Above- State Qualifiers, left to right: Jon Ritta (215), Mike Swanson (189), Caden Huenefeld (140), Braden Swanson (119)
Left- During the Hastings St. Cecilia dual, ***Caleb Coleman*** and his opponent are locked in a stalemate. Coleman found the situation quite amusing and started chuckling, which got the crowd and coaches smiling too.

Left- ***Caden Huenefeld*** holds on and reaches for his adversary's leg to go for two takedown points. Huenefeld took-failed his opponent, Kevin George from Sutton, in the third period.



Springing into Track

Team enjoys success and spring weather.

Ah spring...warm weather, hours of sunshine, and the return of outdoor sports. This hope for enjoying the beauty of the outdoors was one of the elements that encouraged students to go out for track—that and the chance to miss school. *Michelle Clement* said, "It's fun to be outside and get a tan, but my favorite thing is being with my friends and encouraging each other in our events."

Encouraging others throughout the season was a big part of the activities of the track team. *Karrah Miller* said, "It always helped me when I was struggling and someone came alongside me and encouraged me to keep going." This was true of others as well. *Jerry Lobeda* said, "The 400 is a tough race to run, and without my teammates encouraging me, I would not have been able to accomplish what I did this year." This year 13 athletes qualified for state, and the encouragement from teammates played a big part in their success.

-Cody Lobeda



Right- *Ho Wai Ng* runs down the final stretch of the 400 meter dash. The 400 was a tough race to run because it was in between a sprint and a long distance run. Ng also lent his talent to the 4x400 relay, which qualified for the state meet with a time of 3:35.6.



"Hurdles minus flexibility equals pain."
-Matt Ryan





Above- The track team: left to right, front to back; Row 1: Drew Hanke, Samuel Stuhmer, Kirk Rose, Ho Wai Ng, Matt Ryan, Luke Faeh, David Trinh Row 2: Lacy Tonniges, Karrah Miller, Shelby Elge, Rebecca Woods, Chrissy Ritta, Janae Landrigan Row 3: Caleb Urban, Cody Lobeda, Jerry Lobeda, Shannon Rodehorst, Darren Holzinger, Kris Sergent Row 4: Mary Yun, Rachel Lee, Esther Lee, June Kim (not pictured: Micah Unruh, student manager Mike Swanson)





"Discus is a hard event, but once you figure out the technique, it gets easier."
-Darren Holzinger

Left- *Michelle Clement* launches into an easy 5' jump as *Mr. Scott Johnson* cheers her on. At the Merrick County Invitational, Clement tied for first place. Later in the season, she went on to win the Central Nebraska track meet in Grand Island with a school record setting 5'5."

Scorebox:

Meets:	Girls	Boys
Merrick Co. Invite	no scores	
High Plains Invite	4th	4th
Palmer Invite	1st	2nd
Goldenrod Conf.	4th	5th
St. Ed Invite	4th	4th
District Meet	2nd	3rd
State Meet		

Head Coach: Mr. Andy Faeh
Assistant Coaches: Mr. Larry Hoff and Mrs. Kimmarie Woods







Above- State qualifiers: left to right, front to back; Row 1: David Trinh, Samuel Stuhmer, Jerry Lobeda, Cody Lobeda Row 2: Karrah Miller, Rebecca Woods, Shelby Elge, Ho Wai Ng, Micah Unruh Row 3: Luke Faeh, Kirk Rose, Michelle Clement, Drew Hanke.
Left- *Esther Lee* passes teammate *June Kim* during the 800 meter race. This was the first year of running track for both athletes.

Left- Competing for the first time since junior high, *Micah Unruh* goes 20' 11 1/2" in the long jump, enough to win the day at the first meet of the year. After a season frustrated by injury, Unruh ended up making it to the state meet in three events.


Joanna Stuhmer

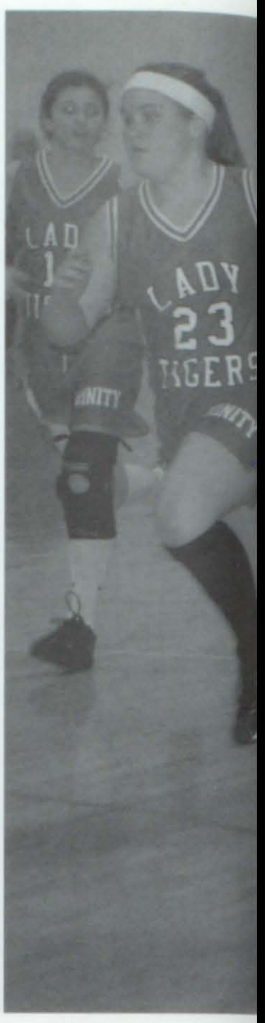
Getting Schooled

Players learn through experience.

Junior high years are a preparation for high school life both academically and athletically. The girls junior high athletes came into sports with much to learn. They were pressed to develop many skills that they would need entering high school athletics. Sports were not only educational, but were also fun as the girls spent time with each other outside of class. "I had fun with my friends, even though we were losing," said *Michelle Toukan*. The girls were introduced to various sports and were able to find the activity they enjoyed most. *Joanna Stuhmer* said, "Basketball was the sport I enjoyed most, especially when I got to play." Girls junior high sports may not have been the most demanding activities, but they required focus and a will to learn, especially for the seventh graders who came in with little or no experience. *Shelisa Boutin* said, "It was hard to learn about all the different sports and get all the plays down." Overall, the year was a learning experience for all of the girls. -*Emily Murphy*



Right- *Kendra Griepenstroh* goes for the steal, drawing a foul on the play. Griepenstroh said, "It was actually my first foul ever, but after completely taking her out, I felt kind of bad, so I apologized after the game."



"Our coaches taught us a lot we didn't know last year."
-Sable Homolka







Above- Participants in junior high girls sports: left to right, front to back; Row 1: Jessica Davis, Joanna Stuhmer, Shelisa Boutin Row 2: Sable Homolka, Katrina Troester, Alycea Unruh, Kendra Griepenstroh Row 3: Michelle Toukan, Mindy Kim, Yeni Kim, Alice Kim, Carly Lobeda



"Sports are fun, but learning all the plays can be hard."
-Shelisa Boutin

Left- On a fast break, ***Alycea Unruh*** drives into the key hoping for an easy lay up. As an eighth grader, Unruh had more experience than many of her teammates. Thinking back on the season, she said," I love junior high sports because if you mess up it's no biggy, and I always have tons of fun."

Scorebox:

Sport:	Record:
Volleyball	2-9
Basketball	0-7
Track:	
NC Meet	9th
GRC	7th

Volleyball Coaches: Ashley Faeh, Michelle Clement
Basketball Coach: Mr. Larry Schreiber
Track Coaches: Drew Hanke, Samuel Stuhmer, Matt Ryan, Michelle Clement
*all coaches supervised by Mr. Larry Schreiber







Above- Finishing her leg of the 4x1 relay, ***Michelle Toukan*** passes the baton to her teammate ***Carly Lobeda.***
Left- Attempting to fake out the defense, ***Jessica Davis*** dumps the ball over the net. Although most of the girls lacked experience, they improved throughout the year, even placing second at a junior high tournament held at Grand Island Central Catholic School.

Left- ***Katrina Troester***, leading her heat at the Nebraska Christian Invitational, nears the finish line. Troester enjoyed her second year of hurdling and improved her race times from last year.


Jacob Simmons

Building Relationships

Boys spend quality time together through sports.

Preparing for their high school years, the junior high boys experienced competition first-hand. Even though their seasons didn't go as well as they wanted, the boys enjoyed every game. They spent quality time together throughout the year, and formed a closer bond as friends.

Many members of the junior high had an eventful year and enjoyed the sports. "I liked being physically active while participating in the games," said *James Davis*. Hanging out with friends made this year even more exciting. Waiting for events at track meets gave the students the most time together. *Jacob Simmons* said, "It was nice to get out of school and hang out with friends." Game days gave the students time off of school, so they were able to relax and focus on the game. "Getting out of school is really cool because you have less homework," said *Andrew Swanson*. The junior high boys built skills throughout the year and enjoyed their time together.

-Jennifer Smith



Right- During the home track meet, *Luke Woods* clears the hurdle with ease during the 110 meter hurdles race. Woods ran with speed and agility coming in first and winning the event for the day.



"Running was cool until I had an asthma attack."
-Seth Bailey







Above- Participants in junior high boys sports, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Luke Woods, Jacob Simmons, Isaac Elge, Seth Bailey, Josiah Dixon Row 2: Casey Beck, Cody Lawson, Scott Ritta, Nathan Ritta Row 3: James Davis, Jordan McHargue, Beau Andrews (not pictured: Andrew Swanson)



"I liked being able to wrestle at competions." -Isaac Elge

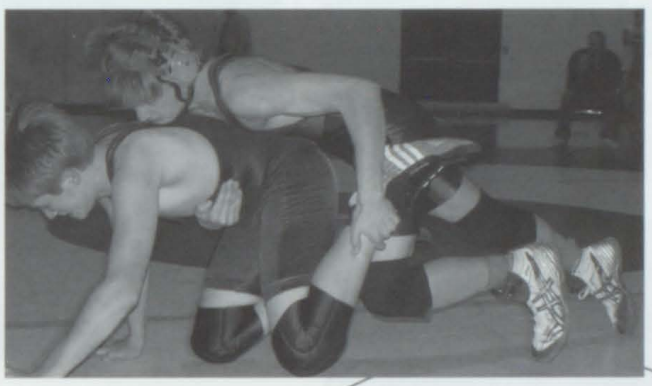
Left- ***Beau Andrews*** soars over the bar during the high jump at the NC Invite. Andrews cleared several jumps before being eliminated.

Scorebox:

Sport:	Record:
Wrestling	no team scores
Basketball	3-3
Track:	
NC Meet	6th
Goldenrod Conference	4th

Basketball Coach: Mr. Larry Schreiber
Wrestling Coaches: Mr. Terry Elge, Mr. Bill Griepenstroh
Track Coaches: Drew Hanke, Samuel Stuhmer, Matt Ryan, Michelle Clement
*all coaches supervised by Mr. Larry Schreiber







Above- Going for the win, ***James Davis*** works strategically on pinning his opponent. Davis was an experienced wrestler and won many matches during the season, including this one.
Left- ***Jordan McHargue*** struggles to gain control of the basketball. After ripping the ball away, he was able to pass the ball to a bystanding teammate who took the ball down the court.

Left- The defense plays tight on ***Nathan Ritta*** after he dribbles down the court toward the hoop. While the team ran the offensive play, Ritta searched the court for an open teammate. Because he was in junior high, Ritta was able to participate in both basketball and wrestling.

Navigating the Waters

Precious minutes were spent in thousands of different ways during the school year. Students were required to give up their time for classes, sports, and other extracurricular opportunities. Being involved in various spring activities helped break up the monotony of the end of the year. These numerous events were vital for the students to stay organized and to be able to navigate the waters of their lives.

The first exciting break was for the seniors. The annual senior trip was a much anticipated "time of bonding" for the older students, and a welcomed escape from all the stress that came with their final year of high school. *Brice Necker (1)* said, "I did a lot of running and drinking Vault on the senior trip." The second event upperclassmen looked forward to was the Junior/Senior Banquet. *Katie Beck (2)* said, "It was really fun getting dressed up and listening to Mr. Johnson speak."

Hosting dinners and concerts was another way to add a touch of change to the school year. The Chamber Banquet and the Advance Dinner were ways NC gave back to parents and supporters of the school. *Young-tae Kim (3)*, a dorm student who helped with several events, including handing out programs at graduation, said, "It was very hot in the gym."

Two other events that occurred in the spring were the spring concert and the elementary musical. Both were excellent ways to put smiles on the faces of parents and friends. *Derek Rose (4)* said, "Dressing like an octopus made a lot of people laugh at me, but it was fun."

Though navigating the waters of their lives required time and energy, students felt that the opportunities to try new experiences and to minister to people from outside of their daily lives through dinners, performances, and trips gave them a taste of organizing their time to better serve the One who gave them life.

-Emily Murphy





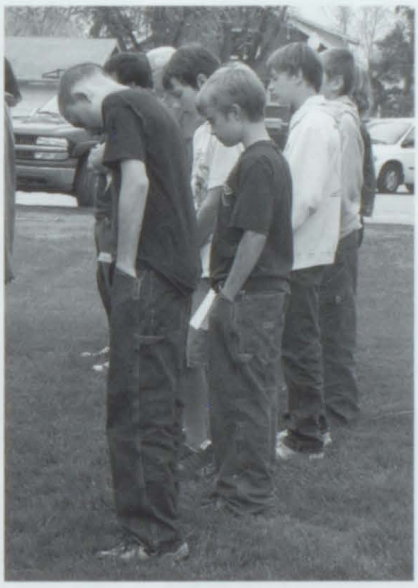




Below- Graduate ***Megan Bordenkircher*** grins at school board president Mr. Norm Krug while receiving her diploma. Bordenkircher was relieved to be finished with high school but eager to attend CCC in Grand Island in the fall.



Below- Seventh graders ***Daniel Cronk***, ***Seth Bailey***, ***Andrew Swanson***, and ***Jacob Simmons*** bow their heads in prayer during the National Day of Prayer service outside the Merrick County Court House on May 4. Nebraska Christian students and staff took time to go into town to participate with members of the community in petitioning the Lord for His blessing on the United States.





Left- The eighth grade girls choir at eighth grade graduation, left to right: ***Michelle Toukan, Carly Lobeda, Kendra Griepenstroh, Alycea Unruh, Katrina Troester, Mindy Kim, Yeni Kim, Alice Kim, Sable Homolka, Kayla Jameson***

Coming Together

Seniors travel as a class one last time.

Unlike past trips, the senior retreat for the class of 2007 was an intense time of learning. Instead of going skiing in Colorado with one key speaker, the seniors went the other direction, to Branson, Missouri. They listened to speakers talk about different subjects; for example, they had a deep look at the book of Ephesians at the Kanakuk Institute, and later Pastor Flip Benham talked about abortion. ***Samuel Hwang*** said, "I grew up in a Christian home going to church, but Flip challenged me to realize how important God's Word really is." In between the speakers, the class had time to go shopping, to ride go-karts, and even to see the Dixie Stampede show. "The best part of the show was when David, Kristen, Alli, and Micah made fools of themselves riding a stick horse," said ***Megan Bordenkircher***. In response to Bordenkircher's comment, ***Kristen Mott*** said, "It was hilarious how I volunteered for Megan, so she didn't have to make a fool of herself."


Matt Ryan

However, as is the case on all senior trips, learning was not the only thing that took place. There were many fun times, too. ***Wai Wong*** said, "The go-karts were the best part; they were thrilling." Other students also felt that the go-karts were an adventure. ***Amon Vanderlinden*** said, "They were sorta fast and kinda furious. It was an adrenaline rush."

The long bus ride was similar to all senior trips, and in the opinion of many of the seniors, it was 14 hours too long! "There was no need to ask, 'Are we there, yet?' because, of course, the answer was going to be, 'NO!'" said ***Matt Ryan***. One thing that got some seniors through the excruciatingly long ride was the frequent stops. ***David Trinh*** said, "The bus ride was long. I mean a 'little' too long; however, playing pitch and visiting made it go faster."

-Amanda Liegl



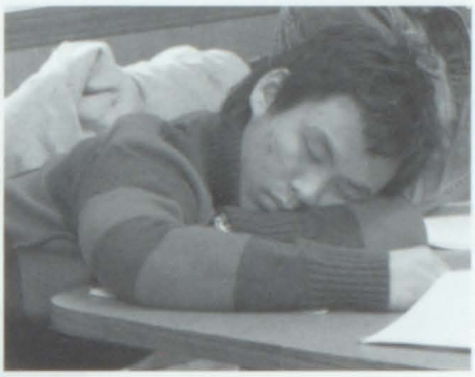




Above- Seniors stop in the hotel for a picture together during their trip. Left to Right, front to back; Row 1: Amanda Liegl, Alysia Brethouwer, Kristen Mott, Jamie Li Row 2: Shan Yu, Megan Bordenkircher, Stacey Krieger Row 3: Wai Wong, Samuel Stuhmer, Trevor Nunnenkamp, Truman Faeh, Matt Ryan, Rose Fansler, Alli Griess, Ram Lee Row 4: Tyler Nunnenkamp, Ho Wai Ng, Drew Hanke, Brice Necker, Luke Faeh, Kirk Rose, David Trinh Row 5: Daniel Jang, Micah Unruh, Amon Vanderlinden, Samuel Hwang (not pictured: Brittany Epp)



Left- Looking forward to his first time in a go-kart, ***Kirk Rose*** listens to instructions. Rose said, "In the second race, I lapped three people!"
Below- Getting up early, with a long day ahead of him, ***Ram Lee*** rests his eyes during a break between sessions at K-Institute. The institute was an intense Bible study for people after they graduated from college.





Alli Griess and Rose Fansler

"We could not have survived the trip without..."
-Alli Griess
"...my new iPod! Yay!"
-Rose Fansler





Left- After a short discussion, five senior girls decide to get a picture of themselves in a circle. ***Stacey Krieger***, ***Amanda Liegl***, ***Kristen Mott***, ***Alysia Brethouwer***, and ***Megan Bordenkircher*** made the best of their time together on senior retreat and posed for one last picture together at the hotel.

Left- Finding out they were late for a class picture being taken, ***Micah Unruh*** and ***Amon Vanderlinden*** run toward the rest of the class. Both boys exaggerated the effort that it took to run, amusing their waiting classmates.

Creating Memories

Upperclassman enjoy a night of socializing.

The Junior/Senior Banquet took a lot of planning and creativity, but the end result was amazing. The evening gave each student a chance to dress up and to socialize with his or her friends before the year was over. The banquet gave the junior class one last opportunity to create a special night for the senior class.

The junior class and their sponsors planned the entire banquet, and for the first time in years, were actually able to keep the theme a secret up until the night of the banquet. In order to fund the special evening, the class operated home concessions at all home activities. The class had the entire year to plan the theme and decorations for the banquet. *Beth Ignowski* said, "Decorating inspired me to be creative and businesslike in my choices. It was also fun watching the guys help build the fountain because they had no idea what they were doing."



One of the things that made the Junior/Senior special was the chance to take professional photos with friends. *Michelle Clement* said, "I liked taking pictures with everyone because now I have lots of pictures to remember everyone by."

The students had a great time hanging out with their friends, and they really enjoyed Mr. Scott Johnson's talk about how to finish strongly in their Christian life, relating it to his experiences in track. After the banquet, students were free to go their separate way. *Mike Swanson* said, "I really enjoyed having Mr. Johnson speak. He made many interesting points about finishing the Christian "race" well. I also liked the fact that the students were able to pick their own entertainment for after the banquet."

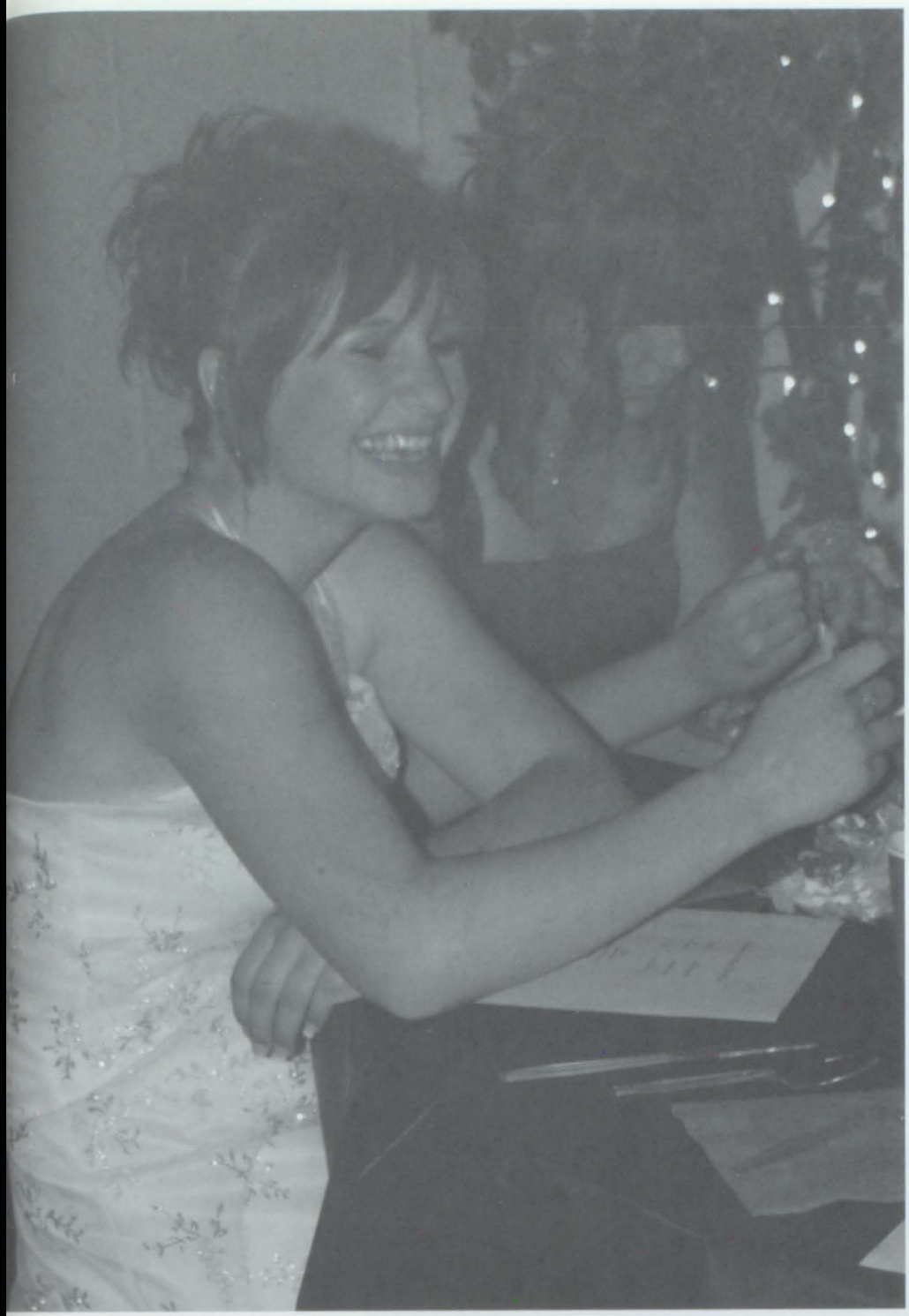
-Liz Smith







Above- Diligently fanning his date *Alli Griess*, *Micah Unruh* tries to cool her off as the Music and Worship Center became hot very quickly with all the students in it. The students enjoyed the meal and looked forward to the parties that followed with after-parties hosted by the Faeh's and the Huenefeld's.



Left- Waiting patiently for her meal, ***Ashley Faeh*** laughs with her good friend Shelby Elge. Faeh loved the meal and the companionship of her friends.
Below- Filling the balloons for the bubble fountain, ***June Kim*** and ***Rachel Lee*** talk between themselves to make the time pass faster. Kim and Lee enjoyed being able to help put up the decorations for the banquet.









Left- Mingling in the gym, ***Alex McCoy*** converses with the students around him. McCoy was new to NC in 2006-2007 and made friendships quickly with his fellow students with his strong sense of humor and wry wit.

Left- Writing down what pictures she wants to order, ***Brittney Shepherd*** writes quickly so ***Megan Bordenkircher*** will not have to wait long. Bordenkircher and Shepherd, like many of their female friends, took a picture together because they spent a lot of time together throughout the school year and wanted to commemorate their friendship.

"It was a great time being able to hang out with all my friends, but the food was great too."

-Samuel Stuhmer

Leaving High School

Seniors move out into the world beyond NC.

Perhaps the biggest change that occurred in the high school career of the 2007 graduates was walking down the aisle of the gymnasium after receiving a diploma. Leaving the halls of Nebraska Christian occurs every year, but for those that were moving on, there was a tremendous sense of wonder in what the future might hold for each of them.


Amon Vanderlinden

Some have made plans to further their education and will head off to college in the fall. Some plan to move into the world of work. Yet others will live at home and take classes at a community college. Regardless of the paths they choose to take, graduates of Nebraska Christian take with them the Word of God, which has been hidden in their hearts over the course of their time on the NC campus.

For many of the graduates, this was a final goodbye. They may never return to Central City, and for those students, graduation was a time of looking back and reminiscing. "I will miss dorm life. I will also really miss the elementary kids and all the nice people," said *Shan Yu*. *Brice Necker* said, "I will miss being in Mrs. G's class." As *Ho Wai Ng* reflected on his two years at NC, he said, "I will miss all the teachers who taught me about Christ and Christian character. I'll use what they taught me next year when I go to UNL."

For the class of 2007, graduation brought an end to their high school careers but signalled only the beginning of the lives that the Lord had in store for them. Fear of the unknown, or of anything for that matter, was never a part of *Amon Vanderlinden's* vocabulary. His motto for the future was: "It's gonna be 'Off the Hizzy!'"

-Mrs. Sandi Griepenstroh



Above- Graduates *Truman Faeh*, *Matt Ryan*, and *Brice Necker* pose for a picture with their good friend Josh Bailey from Siloam Springs, AR. Bailey attended NC all through high school until his family moved after his junior year, but even though he was separated from his group of NC friends, he maintained close ties and returned to participate in a joint reception held at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp for eight of the boys from the class.







Left- One of two class speakers, ***Alli Griess*** cautions her classmates to stay strong in their faith when they get to college. Griess warned them of the tendency of Christian students to abandon their faith when they leave home.
Below- ***Alysia Brethouwer*** and ***Kristen Mott*** smile happily as they march toward the graduation stage. After 13 years of schooling, both girls seemed thrilled to be ending their high school careers at NC.





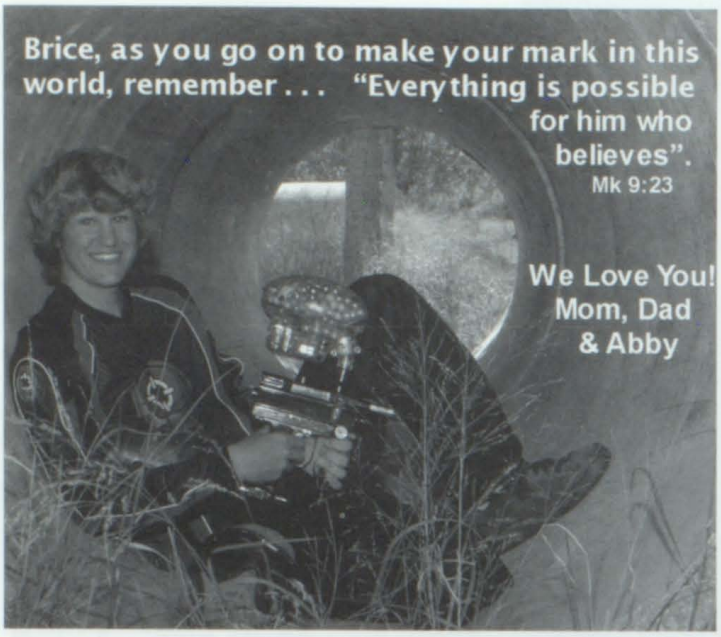
"I was very excited that it was finally time for me to graduate."
-Brittany Epp





Left- ***Wai Wong*** and ***Shan Yu*** finish their time at Nebraska Christian by walking together to the stage. Both students traveled all the way from Hong Kong to join the class of 2007 at the beginning of their junior year.

Left- ***Luke Faeh*** shares his thoughts about graduating with his classmates. At the end of his speech, with Mr. Dan Woods's permission, the class shouted in unison some last words modeled after classmate Amon Vanderlinden, "It's off the hizzy!"



Dear Megan,
You've grown into such a beautiful young lady. Your daddy would be so proud. Always remember you are a daughter of the King. This verse has always been a comfort to me, so I wanted to share it with you.
We love you so much!
Love,
Mom, Chad & Ryan



Proverbs 3:4&5
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

Kris, We have had the privilege of having you in our home. God has not given us a daughter of our own; instead, in His wisdom, He sent you. As you take the next step, remember you are His child first and foremost.



"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"
1 John 3:1 a&b

Love,
Tim, Jo, and Braden

Samuel,
You've always been our "star" athlete! Our prayer for you is that you will be a "star" on God's team. Serve Him with your life. We love you! You've made us proud!



"Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."
1 Samuel 12:24

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Joanna
Travis, Kim, Grant, & Chantz
Ryan, Sarah, & Carleigh
Tammy & Teagan

Kirk,

Philippians 4:7
"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."



Always find this verse to be your comfort and guidance in life's pursuits and challenges. We love you and are excited to watch the Lord unfold his plan for you. Bring glory to the Lord in all you do and your blessings will be bountiful.

Love,
Mom and Dad

To our Rose,
God certainly had a plan when He brought you into our lives your sophomore year. We loved you then, and we love you even more now, as you've truly become part of our family. You have brought so much laughter and joy into our lives. You are a rare gem, and God has much in store for you. Never forget Whose and who you are!
We love you, Mike, Laurel & Michelle

I Corinthians 5:17
"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."





"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6

We love you, Alli!
Dad, Mom, Emily, Elizabeth, and Katie

Nebraska Christian welcomed the following students second semester:

Alyssa Gustafson, K
Brayden Gustafson, 2





David Kim, 10
Kevin Le, 10
Alex McCoy, 11







Favorite Verse: Matthew 5:3-11
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
Hometown: Oak Harbor, Washington
Years at NC: 2 1/2

Amon (Rusty) Vanderlinden



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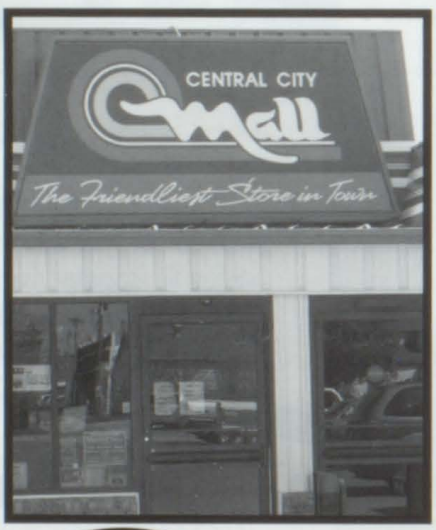
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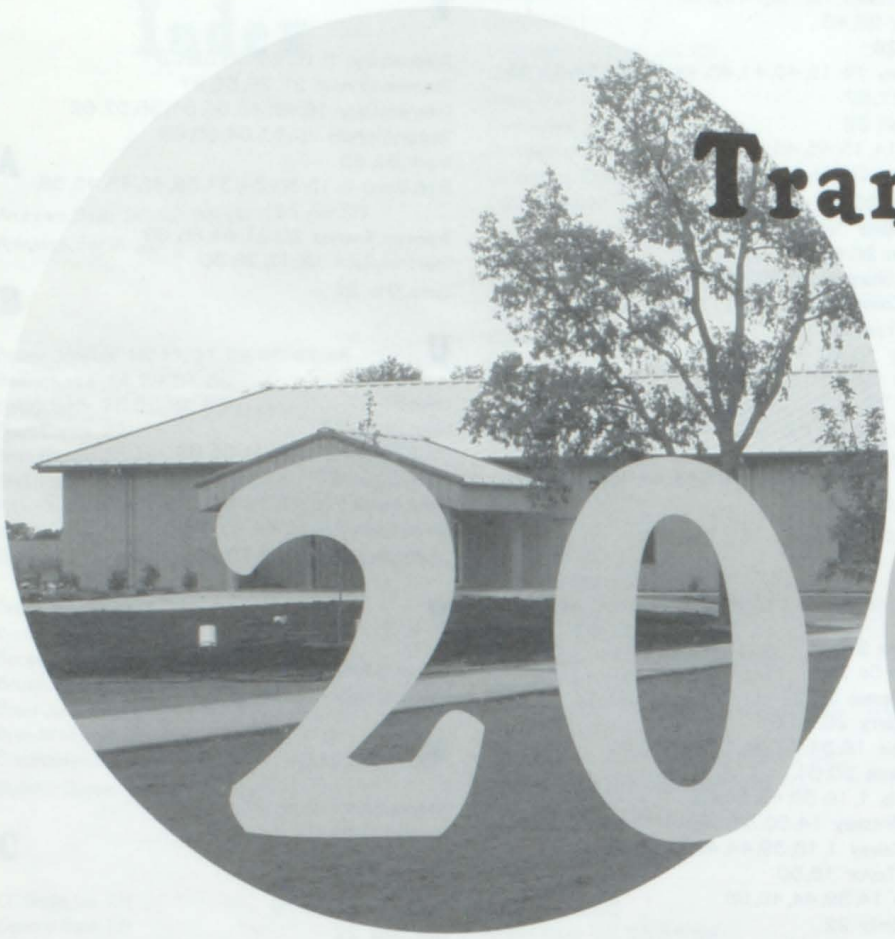
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Waves of Transformation

Change refines and transforms the lives of students and staff at NC.



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Far right- ***Jordan McHargue*** reads a few verses during his eighth grade graduation ceremony. The boys read Psalms 139, while the girls sang *An Untitled Hymn* for the audience.
Right- Enjoying being together for one last time, ***Rose Fansler*** and ***Alli Griess*** laugh in celebration of their last day of high school. After the seniors finished their finals, some of them decorated the gym for graduation.





Pearls glisten, shine, and refract the sun's light. Just as a pearl is refined by the actions of a master jeweller buffing and polishing its surface, the lives of the all those at Nebraska Christian went through a time of polishing and refining by the Master in 2006-2007.

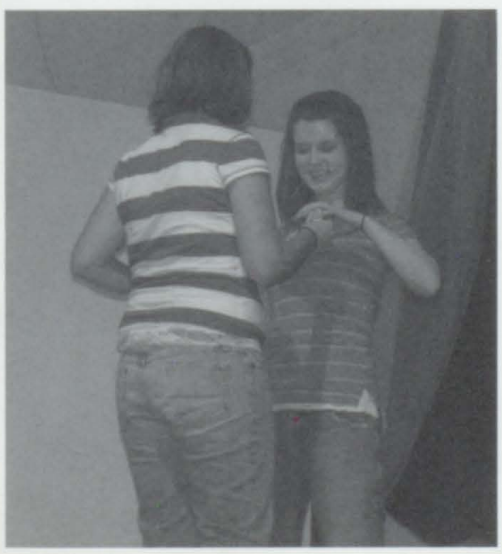
As the theme of this yearbook indicated, waves of change washed over the campus throughout the year. Some students chose to resist the changes taking place, and thus experienced a rough school year. Some anxiously anticipated the direction the school would head in the future and looked forward to whatever that future might bring. The changes that took place transformed those in attendance as they grew in their faith and were challenged in their attitudes through many new situations and circumstances.

This past school year brought an opportunity for growth in the lives of all those connected with Nebraska Christian Schools. Students, their parents, faculty, and staff had the chance to use the refining process of change to allow the light of the Son to shine through their lives, just as sunlight reflects from a pearl's iridescent exterior.

Much of the Christian life is an exercise in growing through change. As circumstances and people come in and out of a believer's life, the Christian has the opportunity to grow and change with the goal of becoming more and more Christlike.

The intention of this yearbook was not only to store memories, sports results, events, and hilarious happenings, but also, and more importantly, to indicate the growth in the lives of the students at Nebraska Christian during the past school year. As waves of change washed over and through their lives, the Master of those waves orchestrated opportunities for waves of transformation to take place on the Nebraska Christian campus.

-Cheri Garwood

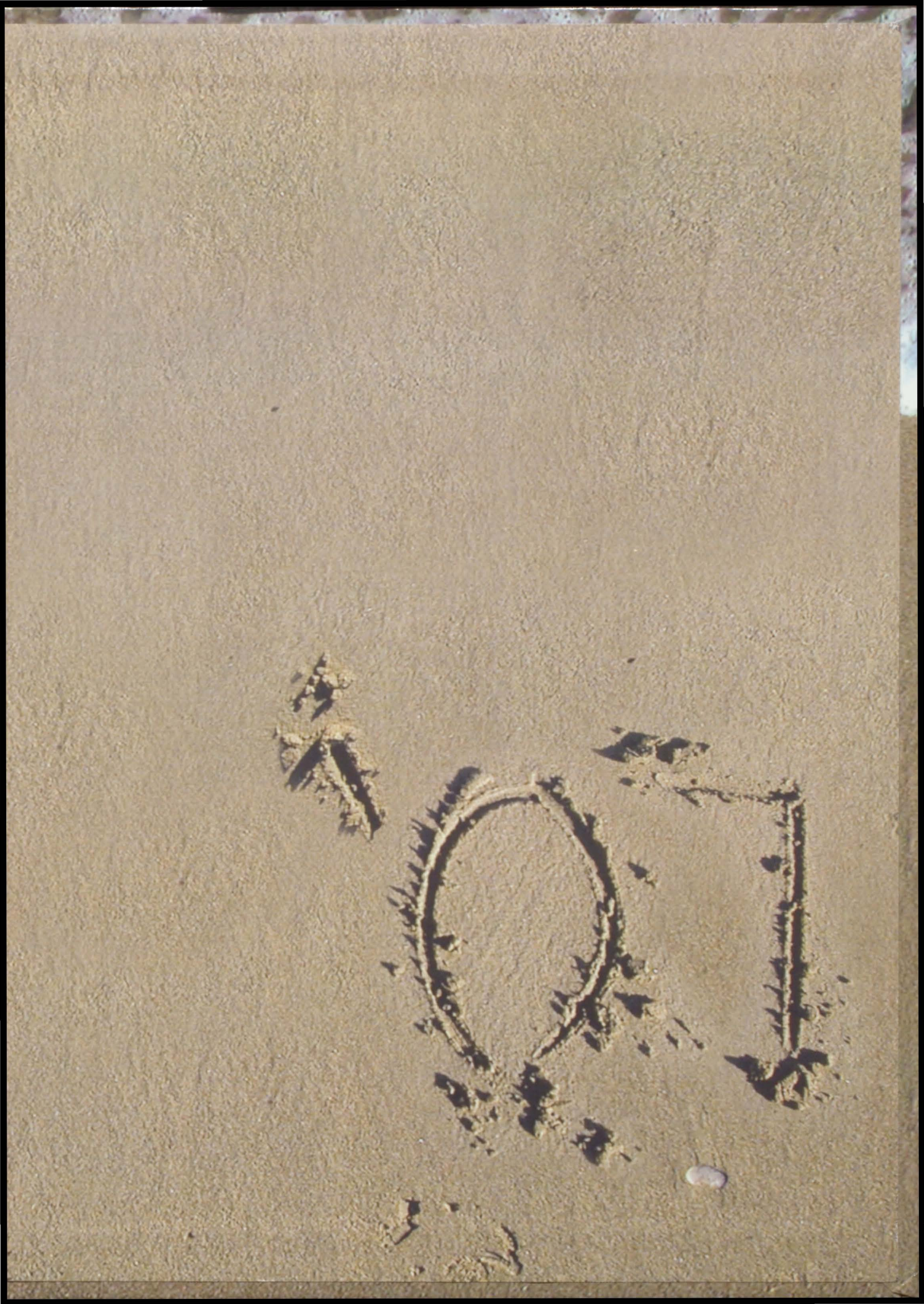


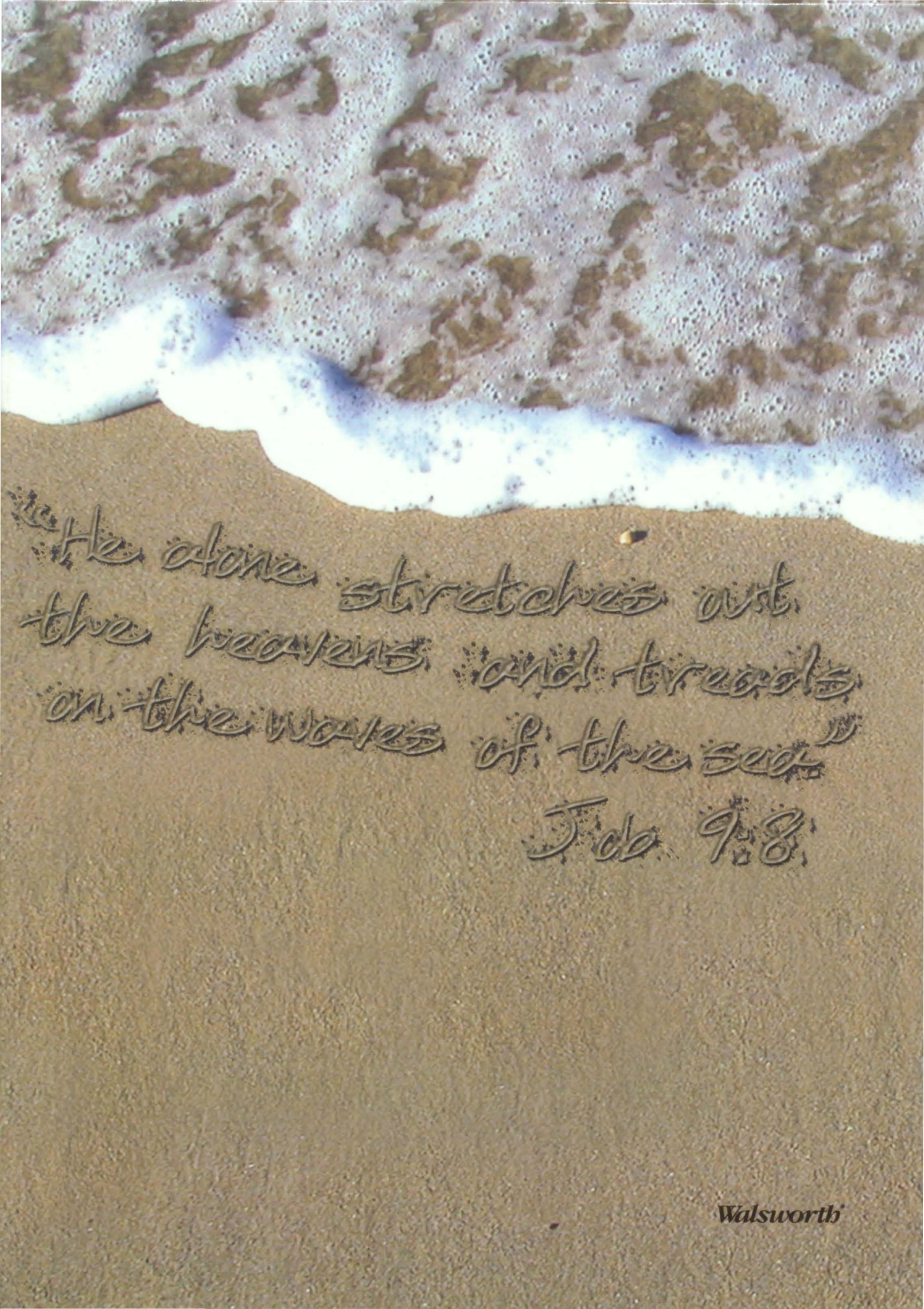


Far left- ***Cheri Garwood*** smiles with a twinge of sadness as she accepts a will from ***Stacey Krieger*** at senior time. Krieger willed Garwood a set of keys since they rode together to school. Left- During a home basketball game, ***Liz Smith*** debates the advantages of buying the "best value" popcorn bag for 75 cents over the smaller quantity bag for 50 cents with one of her customers in the concessions room. As business manager, Smith was concerned with junior finances.



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